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A mother embraces her son who escaped the besieged city of Mariupol and arrived in Lviv on Sunday | AP

### RUSSIA BOMBED ART SCHOOL SHELTERING 400, SAYS UKRAINE

The school in Mariupol was completely destroyed and efforts were on to rescue hundreds trapped beneath the rubble . The bombing comes as Russian and Ukrainian forces engaged in heavy street battles for control of Mariupol on Sunday. Meanwhile, Ukraine said many of Mariupol's residents were forcibly taken to Russia. Moscow admitted to taking people, but said they were refugees | **P9**

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# 3 HC judges to get 'Y' category security, says CM

Justices face death threat after hijab verdict; Police in Madurai to get custody of accused

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

FOLLOWING a death threat issued to three judges, including Chief Justice of Karnataka High Court Ritu Raj Awasthi, who headed the three-judge bench that delivered the verdict on the hijab row on March 15, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai on Sunday upgraded the security for all the three judges to 'Y' category. Justices Krishna S Dixit and JM Khazi are the other two judges.

Meanwhile, a Bengaluru police team reached Madurai in Tamil Nadu to take custody of one of the accused arrested by Madurai police, Covai R Rahmatullah. A resident of Coimbatore, he is said to be an office-bearer of an Islamist organisation, Tamil Nadu Thowheed Jamaath (TNTJ). He had allegedly made a speech at an event, holding out an open threat that if the judges get killed over the hijab verdict, they themselves would be responsible for it. He had then reportedly referred to a district judge in Jharkhand being knocked down by a vehicle.

The three-judge bench of the Karnataka High Court had ruled on March 15 that wearing of hijab/headscarf by Muslim women does not form part of an essential religious practice in Islamic faith protected under Article 25 (freedom of conscience) of the Constitution, while upholding the ban imposed by the state government in educational institutions.

Apart from arresting Rahmatullah, the Madurai police have also booked two other members of the same outfit, but their names have not been disclosed.

Police sources said a team of Vidhana Soudha police — with whom a complaint was filed by an advocate after the video clip went viral — is in Madurai to take custody of the accused persons by producing body warrants.

An officer privy to the developments told *The New Indian Express* that if they get the custody early, the accused will be brought to Bengaluru. Otherwise, the police team will interrogate them in Madurai, record their statements and initiate further action.

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EXPRESS READ

**Sen's run ends in agony at All England final**

Birmingham: Lakshya Sen's dream run at the All England Championships ended with a heartbreaking straight-game loss against Viktor Axelsen in the men's singles final. He lost to Axelsen 10-21 15-21 | **P11**

**Bommai to take part in last rites of Naveen**

Davanagere: CM Basavaraj Bommai will take part in the last rites of Naveen Gyan Goudar, a medical student who was killed at Kharkiv of Ukraine on March 1. The last rites will be held at Chalageri village on Monday.

# Cong polls rigged to elect a Gandhi, say rebels

Congress leader Ghulam Nabi Azad at a party event in Jammu on Sunday

SHAHID FARIDI @ New Delhi

CONGRESS rebels have claimed that the organisational election process set in motion by the party leadership is rigged to elect a member of the Gandhi family or their nominee as party president.

The Congress Working Committee (CWC) members elected through this process would also be an exclusive club of family loyalists, they said.

The party leadership had recently constituted a Central Election Committee (CEC) and nominated former MP Madhusudan Mistry as its chairman. Mistry is assisted by four other members — Rajesh Mishra (former MP), S Jothimani (Lok Sabha MP), Arvinder Singh Lovely (former Delhi minister) and Krishna Byre Gowda (Karnataka MLA).

This CEC would hold organisational elections which would conclude in August-September this year with the election of a new Congress president and members of the CWC.

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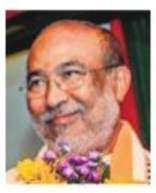
# Biren stays, brass briefs PM on Goa, Uttarakhand

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @ New Delhi

SHORTLY after the BJP announced N Biren Singh will continue as chief minister of Manipur, its top brass called on Prime Minister Narendra Modi here on Sunday to brief him on the leadership choices in Goa and Uttarakhand and the composition of ministries in all the four states it retained in the recent polls.

Union ministers Amit Shah and Rajnath Singh along with BJP national president J P Nadda and general secretary (organisation) B L Santhosh were part of the deliberations with the PM.



"Our leaders gave a detailed briefing on government formation to the PM, who wants the composition to reflect what India should be in the next 25 years. For all the four states, the chief ministerial faces have been decided and shared with the PM," a senior party source said.

"There seems to be no changes in the leadership for Goa and Uttarakhand, but it will be made official later," said another senior leader. Though the party won Uttarakhand by a handsome margin, its Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami lost his seat, which made other aspirants vie for the post. As for Goa, Chief Minister Pramod Sawant led the fight to help the BJP retain the state.

The official announcement on the Uttarakhand and Goa chief ministers will be made on Monday. The participation of women in the ministries is expected to be good. "Women and young voters solidly supported the BJP, so it is but natural to give then good representation in the ministries in all the four states," a party leader said. **P7**

# Cut dosage gap to 8-16 weeks: Expert group

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

THE National Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation (NTAGI) on Sunday recommended reducing the gap between the first two doses of Covishield vaccine to 8-16 weeks from the current 12-16 weeks after new data showed similar antibody responses in both cases.

"The latest recommendation of NTAGI is based on recent global scientific evidence derived from programmatic data," an official of the country's apex body on immunisation said. "According to it, when the second dose of Covishield is given eight weeks onwards, the antibody response generated is almost similar when administered at an interval of 12 to 16 weeks," the official added.

| NATIONWIDE | MAR 19 | MAR 20 |
|---|---|---|
| Fresh cases | 2,075 | 1,761 |
| Recoveries | 3,383 | 3,196 |
| Deaths | 71 | 127 |

| KARNATAKA | MAR 19 | MAR 20 |
|---|---|---|
| Fresh cases | 173 | 109 |
| Recoveries | 153 | 143 |
| Deaths | 2 | 2 |

A reduction of the gap between the two doses will speed up the vaccination drive, allowing the remaining six to seven crore people to get their second doses of Covishield faster at a time when Covid cases are surging in parts of Asia.

The government had extended the gap between the first two doses of Covishield vaccine from 6-8 weeks to 12-16 weeks last May on NTAGI's recommendation.

The NTAGI has not yet suggested any change in the dosage gap of Bharat Biotech's Covaxin, whose second dose is administered 28 days after the first.

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# Bus accident: Driver arrested

ENS @ Tumakuru

THE police on Sunday arrested the driver of the private bus that overturned killing six people and injuring over 40 others at Palavalli village of Pavagada taluk on Saturday morning.

The accused driver, Raghu, who was allegedly speeding and driving recklessly, had fled after the accident. Many passengers who are being treated at hospitals said Raghu did not listen to them, though they told him to slow down. He lost control of the vehicle while negotiating a turn near a tank and the bus overturned. He and the owner of the bus have been booked for the accident. **P5**

# Horror in real life: 3 held for acid attack on drama artiste

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

THE police arrested three people, including a woman, for allegedly pouring a chemical containing acid on a woman drama artiste to spoil her career.

The accused have been identified as Ramesh (46), Swathi (36), and Yogesh (36). The accused had allegedly thrown the chemical on Devi (51), a resident of Ganesh Block. Ramesh, Swathi, and Devi worked at a drama company, while Yogesh is an autorickshaw driver.

The Nandini Layout police said that Devi, who was a BMTC conductor, quit her job and joined a theatre, where Ramesh and Swathi worked. It is said that Devi developed a relationship with Ramesh, who had also arranged a house on rent for her. But they parted ways after differences and fights over trivial issues. It is alleged that Ramesh's wife deserted him after Devi told her about their relationship. This had led to Ramesh nursing a grudge against Devi.

"Swathi too was not on good terms with Devi, who had snatched her roles and also allegedly tried to tarnish her image by speaking behind her back. Swathi and Ramesh found a common enemy in Devi and they decided to put an end to her career. They roped in Swathi's relative Yogesh and paid him Rs 10,000 as supari," the police said. **P5**

# 'Ghost baggage' spooks airport staff in B'luru

S LALITHA @ Bengaluru

ALARM bells went off on an Air India Express flight coming from Muscat to Mangaluru via Bengaluru on Sunday evening as the staff on board realised that two pieces of baggage had been checked in by a passenger but the person had not boarded the flight. The airport security was alerted and a thorough check of passengers and flight was conducted. The flight was not allowed to take off to Mangaluru even five hours after arrival at the Kempegowda International Airport (KIA).

Airport sources said that 189 passengers were on board the IX 818 flight, a Boeing 738 aircraft, which departed from Muscat at 10.30 am. It reached Bangaluru before its scheduled time of 3.25 pm. Of the total flyers on board, 94 were to alight in Bengaluru, while 95 others were to continue their journey to Mangaluru.

"After the flight took off from Muscat, the on board staff realised that the baggage had been checked in without the passenger. This is a massive security risk," said a top airport source.

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> This is a serious lapse on the part of those involved as anyone could have slipped anything in that could have risked the lives of other passengers
> Source at KIA

**ALMANAC TODAY**

● **Monday:** 21/03/2022 ● **Year:** Plava ● **Ayana:** Uttharayana
● **Ritu:** Sishira ● **Masa:** Phalguna ● **Paksha:** Krishna ● **Tithi:** Thrutheeya 9.50 am
● **Nakshatra:** Swathi 11.15 pm ● Moon in Vrischika Rashi ● **Rahukaala:** 07:30 am to 09:00 am
● **Gulikakala:** 01:30 pm to 03:00 pm ● **Yamaganda:** 10:30 am to 12:00 pm

**WEATHER**

MIN 20°C | MAX 30°C

**FORECAST** Showers late. Breaks of sun late

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| Sunrise | 6.23 am |
| Sunset | 6.30 pm |
| Moonrise | 9.25 pm |
| Moonset | 8.32 am |

Algae bloom in Vibhutipura lake at LB Shastri Nagar due to poor maintenance

# Residents rue dying, filthy Vibhutipura lake

Enchroachments have shrunk 43-acre water body

**S LALITHA** @Bengaluru

THE Vibhutipura Lake at Lal Bahadur Shastri Nagar (off Old Airport Road), which once had water till the brim, and was home to migratory birds and beautiful flowers, is languishing at present. Barring a stretch of water at one end, it is no sight for sore eyes.

Walkers who have seen the lake in its days of glory are infuriated over its present state. Weeds and other plants have mushroomed all over the lake. A park on one end of the lake is in a decrepit condition with broken and unsafe equipments for children. The lake once extended to 43 acres but encroachments have shrunk its size now. "Deposition of silt and dumping of untreated sewage water by houses around the lake have ruined it," laments a resident requesting anonymity.

Despite its many flaws, an average of 500 people, particularly from numerous apartments here, walk or run on the joggers track around the lake daily with the numbers shooting up during the weekend.

Four years ago, Rs 3 crore was spent to rejuvenate the lake but it is in a terrible shape now. The foundation stone to construct a Sewage Treatment Plant for the lake and steps to build the track in missing spaces around it were done by the corporator some months ago.

Nirmal Lalwani, a senior citizen and regular walker, said, "If so much is invested on building infrastructure in the city, then why can't it be done here? It will make a big difference to so many residents here."

Prahlad Majumdar, a retired CEO of a private firm said, "If Ganga can be cleaned, why not Vibhutipura lake? Will power is what is lacking here." Srinivas Kulkarni, a Hubballi resident, who frequents the lake, remembers the space being wonderful. "What prevents the government from maintaining it? It could be a wonderful spot for senior citizens like me," he said. BBMP Lakes department officials were unable to provide inputs about the lake despite repeated attempts to contact them.

### A 30-KM CYCLE RALLY TO SAVE LAKES IN ANEKAL

BENGALURU: To draw attention towards the need to save lakes in Anekal taluk, 110 people today took a bicycle rally for 30 km from Henngara lake to Muthanallur lake. The rally, organised by NGO Vrishwamitra Foundation in association with Paryavaran Sangathan Gatividhi, is aimed at getting support from people residing around the lakes, Founder-Director of the NGO told TNIE. It also hopes to draw government attention to their plight, he added.

# Kannada language exam must for crime officers

**DONNA EVA** @ Bengaluru

THE Karnataka State Police Department notification stated that the Scene of Crime Office (SoCO) applicants must write the first language SSLC Kannada language paper to qualify.

The decision comes following protests from aspirants regarding the eligibility criteria of the SoCO post. The applicants complained that there was no language qualifier allowing the Karnataka domicile to apply for the post.

Compounding the problem for the applicants, the post requires that they have a forensic degree or diploma. None of the colleges in Karnataka offer these courses, resulting in disqualification of many for the post. To rectify this, the department has made it clear that a prerequisite to apply for the post is to write the Kannada Language examination at the first language level at the SSLC examinations, which will be held on April 4.

Only then, the applicant will be considered eligible.

Earlier, the candidates had protested against the absence of a forensic degree or diploma course in Karnataka government schools. They had also appealed to the government to introduce such a course.

Due to this, according to Mohammed Layakath, one of the aspirants, only around 700 people wrote the exam for 206 posts. "Students who were able to get a forensic degree from private colleges or outside the state were able to write the exam, but around six lakh BSc students were unable to write the exam because Karnataka government colleges do not offer an additional one year of forensic science diploma," he said.

**WELCOME SHOWERS**

Light rain in Bengaluru on Sunday brings relief to citizens from the intense heat | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

## *Centre for Visual & Performing Arts to be hub of creativity*

BENGALURU: A centre to bridge the gaps between performing arts, art education and conservation was launched as part of RV University on Saturday. "The future work places of the world are looking at creativity, collaboration and communication. These are skills of artistic training. A solid foundation of knowledge and the ability to think innovatively and creatively is the aspiration of every Liberal Arts School and global economy," said Dr MK Panduranga Setty, Chancellor of the university and president of the Rashtreeya Sikshana Samithi Trust. In this regard, the Centre for Visual and Performing Arts was launched. Journalist and writer Prof Deepa Ganesh has been appointed as its executive director. "Art was never insular, it was always profoundly impacted by the socio-political events of the society. To study art, therefore, not only holds clues to the past but has keys to handle the future. The Centre for Visual and Performing Arts wants to somewhat think like a disrupter. The Centre, unlike conventional departments, wants to be a space for dialogue. It is open to both traditions and to the innovation of contemporary times," said Ganesh, explaining the need for the centre.

**WORLD SPARROW DAY**

## K'taka Postal Circle releases five letterheads

**ENS** @Bengaluru

TO mark World Sparrow Day, the Karnataka Postal Circle on Sunday released five letterheads depicting sparrows and a special cancellation to draw attention to the dwindling presence of the tiny birds. Three special covers on Geographical Indicator (GI) tagged products of Karnataka, like Mysuru betel leaf, Ganjifa cards and Karnataka bronze ware.

Chief Postmaster General of the Circle, Rajendra S Kumar said, "We have attempted something unique today. While picture postcards are often released, we have put out letters with pictures for the first time."

## *Man with big heart for small birds*

Bengaluru's Edwin Joseph (L), popularly known as 'Sparrow Man', has transformed his home into a sanctuary for the little birds who seem to have vanished from the bustling tech city | SHRIRAM BN

**EXPRESS READ**

### Mobile app to connect apartment owners

BENGALURU: The Bangalore Apartments' Federation (BAF) has launched a mobile app to help those who are unaware about the initiatives and practices surrounding apartment ownership and maintenance. Launched on Saturday, the BAF Connect Member mobile app will help those staying in apartments share resources on apartment management, initiatives, and also has a grievance redressal system. "The mobile app will enable better communication among members, help solve many issues within themselves since it will have a lot of resident knowledge and best practices. It will also empower members to access details about various vendors through experience of using their services," said Karnataka DG&IGP Praveen Sood, who launched the app. The federation is a coalition between 1,080 apartment welfare associations across the city.

## Daily Starscope

**PETER VIDAL**

**21st March : The mix of fiery and watery heavenly alignments is a sure sign that change is on the way. If any of you feels like dropping some of your commitments and taking on new ones, so much the better. But if you are one of those people who likes life to remain exactly as it is, you may be out of step with the day's events.**

**ARIES** (Mar 21 - Apr. 20) The Sun is now poised on the very edge of a new dynamic position, and is thus about to align itself with the region of the zodiac closely tied to your creative skills, romantic prospects and ability to enjoy yourself. First, though, you have to work out exactly what it is that you really want!

**TAURUS** (Apr. 21 - May 21) One single planet is responsible for all personal and professional achievements at the moment - Mars, the ancient God of War. Without advising you to do anything reckless, this is an excellent time to take on the world and win. You've got to be subtle about it, though!

**GEMINI** (May 22 - June 21) If I were you, I'd think long and hard before issuing any ultimatums! You see, Mars is not the most trustworthy of planets, and it's encouraging you to do things you may regret! For one thing, you may be about to go behind somebody's back. Take care.

**CANCER** (June 22 - July 23) Social influences are decidedly lively as the week begins. You can expect some pretty dramatic encounters, especially if you mix with a new group of friends. Financial prospects look strong, although obvious signs of prosperity are two months away.

**LEO** (July 24 - Aug. 23) When the Moon is so helpfully placed, it means that life is going your way. Yet, human nature being what it is, you may eventually find something to complain about. I doubt very much, though, whether you'll be able to put your finger on whatever it is that's bugging you.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23) Since Mercury, your ruling planet, is about to play a much greater role in your affairs, you can be sure that you are shortly to enter a nicely auspicious period. This should be enough to keep your spirits high throughout life's little ups and downs.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23) I know that some of you are having a hard time at work but, in truth, the prospects have seldom ever been brighter. If all goes according to plan, you can expect considerable public acclaim or professional success over the coming weeks. You'll also be putting extra effort into keeping a relationship on the rails.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22) The Sun is now approaching a crucial region of your solar chart, a region associated with prestige and worldly success. Professional achievement and social status are therefore high on the agenda - but so, as it happens, is romantic happiness. It's all looking good!

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 23 - Dec. 22) Some of your closest emotional ties may be put to the test, but perhaps not until the end of the week. Right now, I should imagine that money is the biggest thing on your mind. Get your accounts in order before it's too late! Money, as you know by now, doesn't grow on trees!

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20) This should be a fairly smooth phase for most Capricorns, although those of you getting over relationship upsets will still be wound up in an emotional tangle. The key concept throughout is personal liberation, so you'll be resisting people who try to tie you down.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19) You have often been underestimated - too often! Little do other people realise just how much you have up your sleeve and how many irons you have in the fire. From now, and over the next few months, you will have an increasing number of opportunities to display your skills.

**PISCES** (Feb. 20 - Mar 20) Lunar alignments suggest a busy day but also reveal that your attitude to work will be shaped by your emotions. You may therefore respond over-enthusiastically at one stage, but be rather miffed at another. Still, you always seem to bounce back!

**THE PHANTOM**

**HI AND LOIS**

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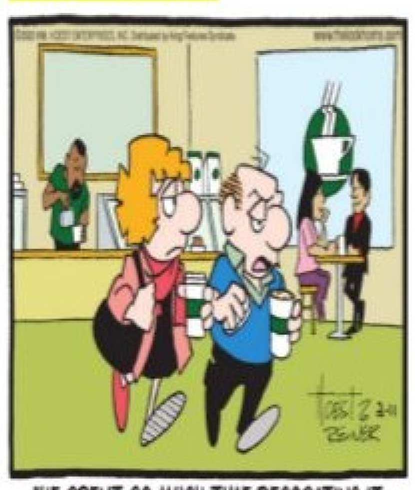

"HE SPENT SO MUCH TIME DECORATING IT, NOW MY COFFEE'S COLD."

**DENNIS THE MENACE**

"YOU COOK AND I COMPLAIN... THAT'S HOW IT'S 'SPOSED TO WORK."

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**SU DO KU**

**Easy: Test your number crunching skill with our unique puzzle**

Fill in the grid with digits in such a manner that every row, every column and every 3X3 box accommodates the digits 1 to 9, without repeating any.

Solutions to Saturday's puzzle

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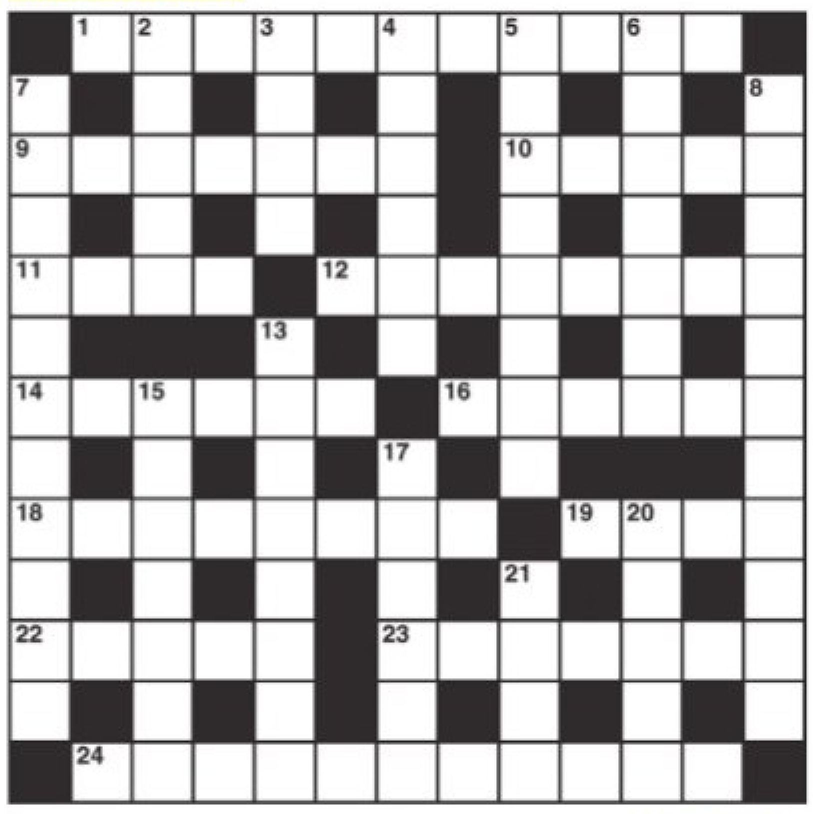
**CROSS WORD**



**ACROSS**

1 Shake hands and tackle the situation (4,2,5)
9 So-called lion man abroad (7)
10 She's a match for anyone (5)
11 An encore from the choir (4)
12 Slash the price of flimsy material (8)
14 Some direct orders for the parson (6)
16 Go over a fault (6)
18 Back at sea (2,6)
19 No handy measure (4)
22 Ten is about all right as a symbol (5)
23 One task the fewer for the unemployed (7)
24 Distinctive character is only a priest perhaps (11)

**DOWN**

2 Go round twice at speed (5)
3 Bird in the wilderness (4)
4 Boring chap perhaps but he keeps us going (6)
5 Watched a repeat on TV maybe and was critical (8)
6 Father's wise to make the crossing (7)
7 Question of treating ore in a new way (11)
8 Told off for having cadged a lift to work? (5,2,4)
13 Large sums made out of composing songs? (8)
15 Sound expert the French follow (7)
17 Hard worker in the city sacked long ago (6)
20 Apparent reduction of overtime (5)
21 Third man sounds competent enough (4)

**SATURDAY'S SOLUTIONS**

**Across:** 1 Sylvia, 4 Champion, 9 Urchin, 10 Majestic, 12 Late, 13 Taste, 14 Acme, 17 Agony columns, 20 Bathing belle, 23 Okay, 24 Using, 25 Stye, 28 Radiator, 29 Typist, 30 Landlady, 31 Archer.

**Down:** 1 Skull cap, 2 Location, 3 Iris, 5 Heartburning, 6 Meet, 7 Intact, 8 Nickel, 11 Man of his word, 15 Bylaw, 16 Snubs, 18 Flatfish, 19 Selector, 21 Coral, 22 Pardon, 26 Bawl, 27 Dyer.

**JUMBLE** By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

**Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.**

NTTSU

LYTES

YACENG

DXEEEC

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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon

" ○○○○○○○○○○ - ○○○○○○○ "

ANSWERS TOMORROW

SATURDAY'S **Jumbles:** MOMMY JOIST OBJECT SUBDUE

**ANSWER:** The planes were chatting near the gates. The nonsensical one was a – MUMBO JUMBO JET

THE NEW INDIAN EXPRESS

# BENGALURU

03 BENGALURU | MONDAY 21.03.2022 | newindianexpress.com

The Banasawadi police in Bengaluru have arrested a real estate agent-turned-gun runner and seized two pistols and four bullets. The accused, Shakil Ahmed (29), was nabbed as he was allegedly trying to sell illegal arms to people with a criminal background

TRACKING COVID-19

**DURATION OF PANDEMIC**
**2 YEARS, 13 DAYS**

**CASES REPORTED**
Today: **109** | Yesterday: **173**

**TALLY**
Today: **39,44,714**
Yesterday: **39,44,605**

| DEATHS | DISCHARGES |
|---|---|
| Today: **2** | Today: **143** |
| Yesterday: **2** | Yesterday: **153** |

**ACTIVE CASES**
Today: **2,013**
Yesterday: **2,067**

| POSITIVITY RATE | MORTALITY RATE |
|---|---|
| Today: **6.04%** | Today: **1.01%** |
| Yesterday: **6.04%** | Yesterday: **1.01%** |

**RECOVERY RATE**
Today: **98.93%**
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**DISTRICT-WISE COVID CASES**
LAST 24 HOURS

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| **Bengaluru Rural** | **0** |
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| Ballari | 1 |
| Belagavi | 1 |
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| Chamarajanagar | 0 |
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| Chikkamagaluru | 0 |
| Chitradurga | 1 |
| Dakshina Kannada | 1 |
| Davanagere | 0 |
| Dharwad | 2 |
| Gadag | 0 |
| Hassan | 0 |
| Haveri | 0 |
| Kalaburagi | 0 |
| Kodagu | 0 |
| Kolar | 1 |
| Koppal | 0 |
| Mandya | 0 |
| Mysuru | 4 |
| Raichur | 1 |
| Ramanagara | 0 |
| Shivamogga | 0 |
| Tumakuru | 2 |
| Udupi | 1 |
| Uttara Kannada | 0 |
| Vijayapura | 1 |
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# Senior IAF doc calls for zero-tolerance on drink-driving

## Citing driving hazards, doctor appeals for permissible limit of alcohol to be brought down to zero from 30mg/100ml of blood

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

COMMAND Hospital Air Force commandant Air Vice Marshal Dr MS Sridhar has urged that the permissible limit of alcohol in the blood be brought down to zero, while driving or riding.

The current permissible level is 30 milligrams of alcohol per 100 millilitre of blood. AVM Sridhar said at a World Head Injury Awareness Day event, at the National Institute of Mental Health & Neuro Sciences (Nimhans), that the limit be brought down to zero mg as alcohol acts as a brain depressant, leading to loss of judgment and control, and results in accidents in which not just the motorist, but even innocent people could get killed or injured.

Effectively calling for zero-tolerance on drink driving, the senior IAF doctor's appeal gains significance from the fact that although 30mg is the set permissible limit for driving under influence of alcohol — above which a person can be fined for drink-driving — different people can react in a different way to differing limits of alcohol. A person driving or

riding with just 10mg of alcohol in 100ml of blood could show a greater loss of judgment and reflexes than a person who has more than 30mg in that quantity of blood.

Experts have said that alcohol consumption, apart from reducing reflexes and forcing loss of judgment, also thins blood, resulting in a greater loss of blood in case of injuries. Besides, in case of death caused by a motorist under influence of alcohol, the accused motorist is booked only under Section 304 (A) of the Indian Penal Code (IPC) (causing death due to negligence), which is punishable with two years in jail or fine, or both.

Dr Pratima Murthy, Director, Nimhans, highlighted research data from many studies which showed that head injuries following alcohol consumption resulted in greater lethality, injury severity and longer time to recovery. She emphasised the importance of the golden hour following head injury, and called for infrastructure to be in place to ensure that such victims should not have to travel long hours to reach Nimhans, and miss out on crucial time and end up with death or severe morbidity.

She said a proposal was made to the state government to develop a hub-and-spokes model for neurotrauma, and the need for providing pre-hospital care, triaging, acute care and rehabilitation.

Karnataka DG&IGP Praveen Sood called for a game-changing strategy of making children aware about the dangers of drink-and-drive, so they can make adults aware about the risks. He suggested that it is always better to target younger people and teach them about road safety before they get their driving licence. He, however, lamented that most people complied with rules only on account of fear of being apprehended by police, rather than concern for their own safety.

**FOR THE BIG DAY**

With the marriage season round the corner, shoppers throng Avenue Road in Bengaluru on Saturday | EXPRESS

# ANTIQUE IDOL SEIZED BY AIRPORT OFFICERS

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

OFFICERS of the Customs Intelligence Unit (CIU), Bengaluru Airport and Air Cargo Commissionerate intercepted a shipment that contained an antique idol, at the International Courier Terminal, that was attempted to be exported to Malaysia.

An official release stated that the shipment was from a Tamil Nadu-based exporter. "The goods were declared as a new bronze antique finish idol in the export documents. The said idol was examined and certified by the authorized nominee of the Director-General, Archaeological Survey of India, and assisted by a committee of experts, as an antique, as per Section 24 of the Antiquities and Art Treasures Act, 1972. The exporter was arrested and remanded in judicial custody. Further investigation is in progress," the release added.

# Mangaluru flight delayed by four hours due to bag mess

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SOON after the flight landed at KIA, it was isolated. "It was taken to a remote bay and security forces inside the airport, including the Central Industrial Security Force, were rushed. A thorough screening of all passengers and a search of the aircraft was carried out. The dog squad was also deployed," another source said.

After double checks, passengers who were to alight in Bengaluru were allowed to go. "The probe was still on and even by 8.10 pm, the flight was not allowed to depart," the source added. As per the original schedule, the flight had to reach Mangaluru by 4.35pm. A source said the baggage belonged to a woman passenger, who had booked her ticket from Muscat to Mangaluru.

"She had checked in on time, but missed going to the gate connecting to the aerobridge after her security checks. This mistake caused confusion," she said.

On the massive delay at KIA, the source said that in cases where a security risk to flyers is involved, the flight cannot take off unless a seven-member committee gives clearance.

# Accused threw acid through window

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YOGESH, who tracked Devi's movements for a few days, came to know that she slept near an open window at her house. "Early on Thursday morning, he went to her house and splashed the chemical on her face through the window and escaped. Devi sustained burns in her face, back, and hand and was rushed to a hospital. She was later admitted to Victoria Hospital," the police said.

"Following clues, the accused were arrested. The chemical they used is meant for cleaning tiles and toilets and contained 40 per cent acid," the police added.

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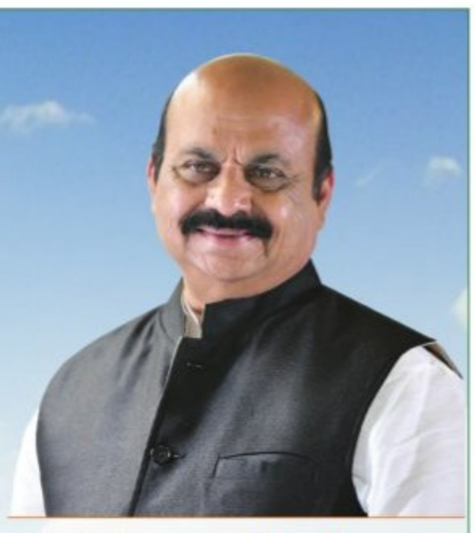

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Hon'ble Chief Minister

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Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai, who will be receiving the body of Naveen Gyana Goudar, an Indian medical student who was killed in shelling by Russian forces in Kharkiv, Ukraine, on March 1, will also be attending the last rites at Chalageri village in Haveri district on Monday

## STRAWS IN THE WIND

### *CM dreams are legitimate, says loyalist Siddu*

Congress leader Siddaramaiah on Sunday declared that in a democratic setup, there was nothing wrong in anyone nursing chief ministerial aspirations, though ultimately, it's the elected MLAs and high command who will take the final decision. The former CM appeared to have given voice to the malaise afflicting the party, where the ambitions of two leaders have led to multiple clashes. Siddaramaiah was responding to a media question whether KPCC President D K Shivakumar would be chief minister if the party won the next election. He went on to claim that there was no "fighting" among party leaders, and that it was the BJP which had factions, and not the Congress. His final pearls of wisdom: "We have only one faction, and that is the Sonia Gandhi faction."

Congress leaders, including former chief minister Siddaramaiah, at a programme organised by the Udupi District Congress

### *Miffed Moily marches out of dist Cong event*

Former Union Minister M Veerappa Moily, invited to attend a programme organised by the Udupi District Congress to mark the golden jubilee of the Land Reforms Act (Karnataka) in Hiriyadka, was the first to reach the venue. He was also the first to leave, after he realised there were no welcome banners and flexes. And neither was his photograph on the banner on stage, from where all Congress leaders, big and small, beamed down. To rub salt into the wound, followers of other leaders had dutifully installed flexes. Moily exited and headed to Karkala to participate in Karkala Utsava, where he was to be felicitated later in the day. At Hiriyadka, meanwhile, the audience was told that Moily had dropped in, but had left as he was in a hurry to attend another programme. Moily, meanwhile, vented his ire over his absent photograph with state Congress working president R Dhruvanarayana.

### *When ministers spar over a tahsildar*

There was some curious activity at the Vidhana Soudha lounge last Thursday. Higher Education Minister C N Ashwath Narayan and Revenue Minister R Ashoka reportedly had a spat, though both leaders denied it. Yet, the buzz persists. The reason for the spat? Ashoka reportedly turned down Ashwath Narayan's appeal to transfer Magadi tahsildar Srinivas Prasad. Not once or twice, but thrice. Ashwath, as Ramanagara district minister, was piqued, and this led to an exchange of some sharp words in high tones. It was left to CM Basavaraj Bommai's political secretary M P Renukacharya to intervene and calm down the situation. Ashoka reportedly said the tahsildar has the backing of a religious head. Actually, it was Magadi JDS MLA A Manju, who is on good terms with Narayan and has a personal interest in the tahsildar's transfer, pushing his cause. And for those who missed the trivia: Narayan's hometown is Magadi.

### *Official gets thumbs-down for dark remark*

At a recent public function in Gadag, a remark by Gadag Development Authority chairman Sangamesh Dundur on "black brides" came in for severe flak. While the audience raised its collective eyebrows, Dundur also had to face criticism for shooting off his mouth. It was at the inaugural event of the government employees' sports meet that Dundur opined that beautiful brides choose only government employees and entrepreneurs, so farmers finally get "black brides". This racist remark was not taken lightly by the people present, with many saying that he was showing disrespect to the farming community. Not to mention dark-skinned women. Ironically, days after this incident, Dundur lost his position as chairman.

# 2023 polls: BJP may look at cabinet rejig

## Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai's team likely to include 10 new faces; Ramesh Jarkiholi could be back

DEVARAJ B HIREHALLI @ Bengaluru

WITH victory to four state assemblies firmly behind it, the BJP high command is likely to go ahead with an overhaul of the Karnataka party unit, including a reshuffle of Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai's cabinet in April, to prepare the ground for the 2023 assembly elections.

At least ten ministers may have to pave the way for fresh faces, and will be accommodated in party organisation posts. But those who are unlikely to contest the next assembly polls due to various factors, including age, and are eager to bring in their sons or daughters as successors would be retained, party sources informed TNIE.

The MLAs likely to be inducted into the cabinet include Raju Gowda, P Rajeev, Aravind Bellad, MP Renukacharya, Dattatreya C Patil Revoor, Basanagouda Patil Yatnal and Poornima Srinivas. Any surprise move by the high command cannot be ruled out, sources said.

Meanwhile, KMF chairman and Arabhavi MLA Balachandra Jarkiholi has started batting for his brother Ramesh Jarkiholi, and the latter is expected to join the cabinet too. "Ramesh Jarkiholi has got a clean chit in all court petitions related to the CD case. The party had promised to give him a ministerial berth after coming clean. I hope that good things start happening with him in the coming days. The cabinet expansion is to happen in the first week of April," he stated in Belagavi on Saturday.

Renukacharya too told TNIE that the cabinet reshuffle would take place before April 10. According to sources, a central team had visited Karnataka recently to take stock of the political situation. The reshuffle would take place with scope for social engineering as well, on the lines of Uttar Pradesh, they added.

Bommai, who is expected to visit New Delhi soon after the assembly session to discuss inter-state water dispute issues, following an all party meeting he held recently, will also discuss the reshuffle.

The makeover of the ruling BJP dispensation is likely to extend to new ministers taking on the responsibility of implementing Bommai's budgetary promises, to build a narrative of 'development' in the state, to impress upon the people and give a 'feel good' sense to defy the anti-incumbency factor, observed political pundits.

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Balachandra Jarkiholi, Arabhavi MLA and Ramesh Jarkiholi's brother

# We shall not backtrack on hijab decision: Madhuswamy

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Mysuru

REITERATING that the government will never step back from its decision on the hijab issue, Law Minister J C Maadhuswamy said the court verdict has come, which the government will not defy.

Speaking to mediapersons here on Sunday, Madhuswamy said no one can defy the court order and there is no question of re-examining the decision.

Responding to Opposition leader Siddaramaiah extending support to Muslim organisations which protested against the High Court order, the minister said, "I have explained this to the Opposition leader even in the Assembly on how government was charged with contempt of court on two occasions -- once in the Cauvery case and another time in the Dr Rajkumar kidnap case. This government is not ready to face contempt of court and we can't defy the order," he said.

Law Minister J C Madhuswamy and MLC A H Vishwanath at a college alumni meet in Mysuru on Sunday | EXPRESS

He further responded that if students say they won't write exams, the government cannot do anything about it, as they have to adhere to the court order. The Law Minister also clarified that there is no proposal to include the Bhagavad Gita in the school syllabus, and added that Education Minister B C Nagesh has already clarified about this.

Meanwhile, Madhuswamy spoke in support of the film, The Kashmir Files, which has become a runaway success. "I believe in films as a medium and it should be used to bring emotion and narrate a story. The Kashmir Files also brings alive incidents that occurred in the past. Just because narrating an incident from history which shows a community in bad light, we can't stop talking about invasions, the same goes with this movie too," he concluded.

# Marikamba Samiti denies charges of discrimination over fair stalls

ENS @ Shivamogga

FOLLOWING allegations that Muslims would not be allowed to install stalls at the fair starting from Tuesday, Shree Kote Marikamba Seva Samiti clarified that the decision to allot stalls is left to the person who has won the tender and the committee does not interfere with the process. The committee said that no community is kept out of the celebrations.

Samiti president S K Mariyappa told reporters here on Sunday that the people should not lend their ears to rumours that a particular community is being kept out of the celebrations. Mariyappa informed that several members of the Muslim community are taking part in different activities related to the fair. "Muslims bring rice and other essential products for the jatra. Hence, there is no need for unnecessary confusion," he said.

Responding to reports that minority community members would not be allowed to set up stalls as pro-Hindu members have won the tender to allot stalls, Mariyappa said that the tender has been won by one Nagaraj, who will take a call on whom to allot stalls. "The jatra committee will not interfere in the decision of the tender-holder. But, we have put a condition that no stall should be erected around the temple," he said.

Mariyappa said that people of all religions have been installing stalls at the jatra over the years. "The Marikamba jatra welcomes people of all faiths, and hence, one should ignore such rumours. Everyone must cooperate in the peaceful conduct of the fair," he urged. The Samiti president said that earlier, one person had won the tender, but he gave it up after receiving some alleged threat calls. Later, another person, Nagaraj, won the tender. "We have learnt a lesson from what happened around the tender issue. We will rectify the same for the fairs in future," he added.

UNCERTAINTY LOOMS

# Ukraine returnees urge govt to decide on their academics

DIVYA CUTINHO @ Mangaluru

MEDICAL students of Dakshina Kannada who have returned from war-torn Ukraine are anxious about their future and are eager to know the government's response on continuing their studies, even as some students have started attending online classes. Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai is scheduled to meet these students on Monday.

Pruthviraj, a resident of Bikarnakatte and a 4th year student at the Zaporozhye State Medical University in the central eastern part of Ukraine, said, "Our university has communicated that full-fledged online classes will begin from April 1. Until the government takes a decision, I will continue here as of now. Indian students, except those from Kolkata, have approached the Supreme Court and we are waiting for its order. Now, one theory subject and a lecture per day is being held. We hope that gradually, full-day online classes will commence. Only 30 per cent of the faculty are teaching online and the remaining are not ready to work until the situation returns to normal in Ukraine," he said.

Pruthviraj and his friends have a Plan B if the situation in Ukraine worsens. "We are planning to move to other European countries, like Germany or Hungary, to continue our studies as the governments there are ready to take us at almost the same fee structure. I will pay for the 8th semester and continue in another country," he said. It comes to around Rs 4 lakh, including the tuition fee, accommodation and food. Pruthviraj and some of his friends got the information in Hungary while returning from Ukraine. Hungarian officials in charge of their safety shared the information and gave them their email addresses to write back if interested, he said.

Pruthviraj from Mangaluru during a practical lesson at his university

Another student, Clayton Osmond D'souza, said online classes began on March 14 and they will take the next step after Bommai's meeting with students on Monday.

Anaina Anna, who was studying in Kharkiv, and another student who was at Kviv are clueless as both their universities have been partially damaged in the war. Anaina's mother Sandhya said her daughter will have to continue her studies as they have taken huge loans. "We have complete faith in our government that it will come out with a solution as it is the future of not just 100 students, but of the next generation," she said.

# I too am in race for CM's post, says Shamanur

ENS @ Davanagere

FORMER minister and Davanagere South MLA **Dr Shamanur Shivashankarappa** on Sunday mentioned that he too is in the race for the post of CM.

Speaking to reporters, the senior Congress leader said, "I also have money and power. Don't you think I have the capability to become the CM? Not only are Siddaramaiah and D K Shivakumar contenders for the CM's post; along with them, I am also a contender."

Shivashankarappa said that he will be contesting the next Assembly elections from Davanagere South, which he is already representing.

On the issue of CM Basavaraj Bommai contesting the next elections from Davanagere North, he stated, "CM Bommai is a BJP leader. Why will he discuss the issue with me? He is coming to my granddaughter's marriage slated on April 16. Besides, I have no knowledge of him contesting the elections."

# Will get approval for the CRZ map within 2 months, says Anand Singh

ENS @ Mangaluru

MINISTER for Tourism, Ecology and Environment, Anand Singh, has said that he will make all-out efforts to get approval for the Coastal Regulatory Zone (CRZ) map, prepared as per the guidelines of the 2019 notification, within two months.

Speaking to reporters after holding a review meeting of his department with elected representatives and officials, the minister said tourism in the coastal districts of the state has not developed, despite huge potential and attributed the same to the CRZ guidelines. However, he said this would change when the relaxations brought into the 2019 notification of the CRZ come into effect.

The map prepared as per the guidelines in the 2019 notification will be submitted to the National Centre for Sustainable Coastal Management (NCSCM), Chennai, for approval shortly. Once it is approved, it will be sent to the Central Government for the final clearance, he said.

Singh said he will get it approved within two months, taking it as a challenge. "The approval of the map will ensure development of eco-tourism in the coastal districts, which in turn will generate jobs. Beaches can be developed to attract more tourists. A investors' meet to develop tourism in the coastal districts will also be planned," he added.

Stating that Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai is also interested in development of tourism in the coastal districts, Singh said that efforts will be made to extend the stay of tourists in the region and develop tourism on the lines of Goa. Singh said they would request the Centre to shift the nodal agency that gives approval to CRZ plans from NCSCM-Chennai to NITK in Mangaluru.

MLAs D Vedavyas Kamath, Y Bharat Shetty, Jungle Lodges and Resorts Limited MD Manojkumar, and DCF Dinesh Kumar, were present.

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Anand Singh, Minister for Tourism, Ecology and Environment

Minister for Tourism, Ecology and Environment Anand Singh (second from right) addresses a press meet in Mangaluru, as MLAs D Vedavyas Kamath and Bharath Shetty, and Jungle Lodges and Resorts Limited MD Manojkumar look on | EXPRESS

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai participates in the Sahakara Ratna Awards ceremony in Bengaluru on Saturday. Ministers K Gopalaiah, Anand Singh, Araga Jnanendra, Govind Karjol, Byrathi Basavaraj, and Dr K Sudhakar, and Lok Sabha MP D V Sadananda Gowda are also at the event | EXPRESS

# Planning women's co-ops with 90% govt share: CM

ENS @ Bengaluru

CHIEF Minister Basavaraj Bommai said that the State Government will start multipurpose women's cooperative societies with 90 per cent share capital from the government in every taluk.

Speaking after presenting the 'Sahakara Ratna' awards organised by Karnataka State Cooperative Federation Limited, Karnataka State Housing Cooperative Society, and the Cooperation Department, here on Sunday, the CM said, "The government will bear the membership fees to encourage people from backward classes, scheduled castes, and scheduled tribes to become members of various cooperatives. The cooperative sector will be successful only if the working class and women take part in large numbers. Women are contributing to the increase in state's per capita income and the growth of state's economy." Karnataka will become number one if the sector grows, he added.

"Milk Cooperative Societies in the state have annual revenue of Rs 36,000 crore. The state government has decided to establish a Milk Producers Bank with an intention to ensure that the profit goes to milk producers. An allocation of Rs 100 crore has been made in the budget to establish the Ksheera Samridhi Bank. Orders would be issued soon in this regard," he said.

# CM CHARGES AT 'PSEUDO SECULARS'

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Bommai told the media on Sunday that the government has taken the threat to the Chief Justice of Karnataka very seriously and directed DG&IGP Praveen Sood to conduct a thorough probe into the case. "I have asked him to take the accused arrested in Tamil Nadu into custody and book them under stringent sections," he added.

Further, Bommai said anti-national forces challenging the system in the country cannot be tolerated and they will be suppressed. "Everyone must accept the court verdict. If they are not happy, they can appeal against the order. But divisive forces are trying to incite people against the system," he added.

Bommai attacked 'pseudo-secularists' for being silent on the issue. "I would like to ask these pseudo secularists: Why are you not breaking your silence on the issue? Appeasing a section of people like this is not secularism but communalism. We need to fight unitedly in cases like this as we need to preserve the judicial system," he said.

Another Kochi tattoo studio owner faces sexual harassment charges even before allegations against a celebrity tattoo artist have died down in Kochi. A Malappuram native woman has come out against the owner of another tattoo studio at Palarivattom, alleging sexual harassment at the parlour

# Shivaji statue in Bodhan stokes tension

Telangana BJP president Sanjay Kumar condemns use of police force on activists, demands answers from CM KCR

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Nizamabad

POLICE lobbed teargas shells and resorted to lathi-charge to disperse two groups of activists fighting over the installation of Chatrapati Shivaji statue at Ambedkar Centre in Bodhan in Nizamabad district on Sunday.

The trouble began when a group of activists of Hindu organisations- Hindu Vahini and Bajrang Dal - installed the statue at the centre even as the MIM workers took objection to it, contending that there was no permission for setting up the statue. Soon tempers ran high and both the groups began raising slogans and began attacking each other with stones. The police who sensed that the situation was getting out of control first resorted to lathi-charge and when it did not work, they lobbed tear gas shells. The police rounded up several activists and shifted them to different police stations.

Police cane the crowd and burst tear gas shells to disperse them after stone pelting was reported in Bodhan on Sunday | EXPRESS

The activists of the Hindu organisations argued that the municipal council had passed a resolution for setting up the statue at Amebdkar Centre and that there should not be any objection to anyone. But the MIM and TRS activists maintained that though resolution had been passed, no official proceedings for setting up the statue were initiated and therefore the statue cannot be installed. They said that in the past, a board naming a road after Nizam in the town was removed by municipality workers and so the statue that has been installed should be removed. The officials could consider setting up the statue only after all clearances are obtained.

Police Commissioner KR Nagaraju reached Bodhan town and supervised the operation to bring the situation under control. Bodhan ACP N Rama Rao said:" The situation is now under control. Additional forces have been deployed in several places in the town. Prohibitory orders under section 144 CRPC are in force in the town"

Meanwhile, the Hindu organisations called for Bodhan Bandh on Monday to protest against the police lathi charge. Nizamabad MP D Arvind and BJP state president Bandi Sanjay Kumar condemned the use of force. Kumar demanded an answer from CM K Chandrasekhar Rao if he was trying to implement Shariat law in Telangana by spreading vile and hate against Hindus.

BREWING CONTROVERSY

# Tharoor, Thomas asked to skip CPM seminar

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@T'puram

THE controversy surrounding Congress MP Shashi Tharoor and veteran leader KV Thomas attending a CPM seminar at Kannur is gaining steam. The seminar coincides with the 23rd party Congress.

State Congress chief **K Sudhakaran** has reiterated that action will be taken against them if they defy the party's diktat.

Thomas on Sunday sent a letter to Congress president Sonia Gandhi urging that the Congress and CPM join hands to fight against the BJP.

A day later, Tharoor maintained that there is no ban on him attending the CPM seminar at Kannur. In Kozhikode on Sunday, Sudhakaran told reporters that when the CPM was causing trouble to people over K-Rail, the leadership had banned them from attending the seminar to avoid confusion among people.

"I said so after understanding the sentiments of the people. If Sonia Gandhi gives the go ahead, then let them attend the seminar," said Sudhakaran.

Tharoor refused to comment on his warning, and informed that a decision on attending the seminar on the challenges faced by secularism will be taken after speaking to Sonia.

Earlier, he had also courted controversy for eulogising Kerala chief minister Pinarayi Vijayan on his development agenda.

"The invitation for the seminar came from the CPM central leadership. Tamil Nadu and Kerala's Chief Ministers, MK Stalin and Pinarayi Vijayan respectively, are attending the seminar. There is no difference of opinion among the three political parties," said Tharoor.

Thomas is irked with the State Congress leadership for denying him the Rajya Sabha ticket. In his letter to Sonia, he said the need of the hour is to see that Congress and CPM work together against the BJP. He has been invited to speak on Centre-State relations. The CPM's congress will be held at Kannur from April 6-10.

# Heavy rain in Mysuru, 2 dead, crops damaged

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Mysuru

THUNDERSTORMS and lightnings left two persons dead including a child during the premonsoon rains that lashed the Mysuru region.

Banana plantations have reportedly been destroyed while many trees have been uprooted, affecting daily life and causing inconvenience for some time.

Priyanka, 12, was killed near Doddapalya in Srirangapatna when a coconut tree fell on the bike she was travelling on.

Others miraculously escaped with minor injuries. Priyanka's father Nagraj has been admitted to a private hospital and Prema, her mother and brother Chethan suffered minor injuries.

Nagamma, a resident of P Halli who was sitting inside the car also sustained injuries. Srirangapatna Rural Police have registered a case. Meanwhile, Siddalinganayaka (72), a native of Anasoge in Saligarama hobli died in lighting strike when he was standing under a tree to protect himself from the rains. He is survived by his wife, three sons and a daughter.

Although the rains brought relief from the heat wave, sliding mercury levels, standing banana plantation, onion in Veeranapura, Ahakkaliru, Hosapira , Hunasipura in Gundlupet taluk were destroyed.

Many cattle sheds have also been destroyed leaving farmers in the lurch. The rains have spelled losses as farmers already hit from a price slump of onions also fear the same happening with turmeric prices. Dozens of trees were uprooted in Mandya and Chamarajanagar districts and parts of HD Kote and Saragur disrupting power supply while people were forced to stay indoors due to the rains with hailstones outside.

TWO SEAS MEET

People flock in huge numbers to Chennai's Marina Beach on Sunday | EXPRESS

### MLA's son still missing, 2 others surrender

Hyderabad: Hyderabad city police investigating the accident case involving a vehicle with TRS Bodhan MLA Mohd Shakil Aamir's sticker, are yet to trace his son Raheel Aamir. Raheel, who was present in the vehicle at the time of the incident and is one of the prime witnesses in the case, continues to evade police. Syed Afnan Ahmed, who was driving the vehicle, and another friend Mohd Maaz have already surrendered to the police. Police who are said to have recorded the eyewitnesses' statements, are yet to summon Raheel, raising concerns about the probe.

# Classified as 'vulnerable', 982 Olive Ridley hatchlings released in the sea

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MOST of them made a dash to the inviting sea, a few hesitant others required a nudge as 982 Olive Ridley sea turtle (Lepidochelys olivacea) hatchlings were released here on Sunday.

District Collector A Mallikarjuna and District Forest Officer (DFO) Ananta Shankar led authorities and wildlife enthusiasts in releasing the hatchlings from nine nests into the sea at R K Beach, even as children cheered and onlookers clicked photos and recorded videos of baby turtles paddling through the sand to their forever home.

Adult Olive Ridley turtles prefer quiet beaches for nesting, and the latest batch of hatchlings were from eggs laid in December and January. Forest department officials have been keeping a 24/7 vigil, protecting the eggs from predators.

Officials release turtles hatchlings into the sea, in Visakhapatnam on Sunday| EXPRESS

The department has been conserving Olive Ridleys, classified as 'vulnerable', for the past 10 years, and the DFO said there has been an increase in eggs being conserved. "Last year, we conserved 47,694 eggs, while it increased to 61,218 this year," Shankar said.

The department has appointed guards, mostly fishermen, to protect the eggs. Jagadeesh, a production watcher, said they have been releasing hatchlings into the sea since March 6 this year, and till date, have released over 3,300 baby turtles.

Five hatcheries have been set up between RK Beach and Avanam.

# Rift between 'original' leaders and Revanth widens

MD NIZAMUDDIN @ Hyderabad

THE rift between leaders opposed to PCC chief, A Revanth Reddy, and those who support him widened further even as the PCC leadership organised a huge public meeting aimed at displaying his show of strength in Yellareddy on Sunday.

The seniors who describe themselves as 'loyalists' of the party high command - former minister Marri Shashidhar Reddy, former MP V Hanumanth Rao and Sangareddy MLA T Jagga Reddy - huddled up at a hotel in City to take stock of the situation and explain to the party high command the Revanth Reddy's attitude towards them.

Meanwhile, Revanth Reddy's supporters, led by former government whip, Eravarthri Anil who came to know about the development, warned them to mend their ways.

Even as groupism has now come out in the open, the high command is believed to have advised against holding the meeting outside Gandhi Bhavan. AICC secretary Bose Raju called them and urged them not to go ahead with their plans.

Shashidhar Reddy who had maintained a low profile began rallying leaders who had openly criticised the style of Revanth's functioning. In the first meeting held at his residence on March 14, former PCC chief, Ponnala Lakshmaiah, former Minister J Geetha Reddy, MLA D Sridhar Babu, Kisan Congress national vice president, M Kodanda Reddy turned up.

During the meeting on sunday, Shashidhar Reddy emphasised that there was a 'need for changes' within the party, for ensuring the survival of the party by the time next elections arrive whether it is General elections or Assembly polls.

# Check on overcrowding of buses starts on Monday

CONTINUED FROM P1

FOLLOWING instructions from Home Minister Araga Jnanendra, a drive to check overcrowding of buses and verification of documents of private buses, including the fitness certificate, will begin from Monday across the district, said SP Rahul Kumar Shahapurwad.

Jnanendra, who visited the victims at the government hospital here on Sunday, met regional transport authority officials and Deputy Commissioner YS Patil. "As there are complaints of a private buses lobby working to disturb KSRTC services, we should keep an eye on such depot managers. Steps will be taken to check such accidents through regular vigilance. There should be enough bus services to ferry students during peak hours," he added.

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai in Bengaluru said instructions have been issued to check overcrowding of buses during school and college hours. "Licences of such buses will be cancelled. Intensive checks of buses will be conducted. The state government will bear the entire treatment cost of the injured. They will be shifted to Bengaluru if they need better treatment," he added.

Former chief minister and JDS senior leader H D Kumaraswamy, after visiting the injured at the district hospital, urged the government to announce Rs 25 lakh compensation to the kin of each of the deceased as they hailed from poor economic backgrounds.

As one of the injured, Shruti, a second PUC student, expressed her apprehensions over not being able to write her exams, Kumaraswamy asked the government to find an alternative to help injured students who might miss their exams. A pall of gloom descended over Pothaganahalli village of Pavagada taluk as siblings Amulya (17) and Harshita (19), PUC students, were laid to rest on Sunday.

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# EDITORIAL

A startup is not about executing a series of knowns. Most startups are facing a series of unknowns — unknown customer segments, unknown customer needs, unknown product feature set, etc.

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— Ramnath Goenka

## FIGHT FOR CONGRESS LEADERSHIP CHANGE NOT ENOUGH

The battle between the rebels and the Congress leadership appears more for the control of the organisation rather than between competing ideas for regaining the party's lost popular support. Rebels blame the Gandhis for the party's misfortunes. Prominent rebel Kapil Sibal demanded that the main family step aside and allow a non-Gandhi to take over the reins of the party.

Rahul Gandhi has proved to be no match for Narendra Modi. Under his leadership, the Congress has been reduced to its lowest ever tally in the Lok Sabha. It did not even win enough seats to get the position of Leader of Opposition in the lower house. The party may soon lose that position in the Rajya Sabha too. In recent state elections, the party performed miserably all around. In Uttar Pradesh, it could win the support of only about 2% voters, the lowest it has received in that state since Independence. That the Congress fortune has rapidly gone downhill under Rahul Gandhi's leadership is for all to see. Rahul had resigned as president after the party lost the second successive Lok Sabha election under him. But he continued as the de facto head, taking all important decisions. Therefore, the usual show put up by the Congress leadership after the drubbing it received in the five state elections has failed to impress loyalists as well as the rebels. Its announcement of a *chintan shivir*, or a brainstorming session, has been scoffed at. These *chintan shivirs* have yielded little in the past. There is no talk about the elephant in the room, which is the party's growing disconnect with the people.

The rebels too have merely demanded a change in leadership. They would have done better to produce an alternative electoral strategy, a paper on changes the Congress requires to make in its policies and programmes to win popular support. They should have come out with a vision document to show that they really mean to strengthen the Congress and are not playing into the hands of other parties to weaken the Congress by constantly attacking it.

## TN BUDGET'S FOCUS ON SOCIAL WELFARE

The Tamil Nadu Budget presented by state Finance Minister Palanivel Thiaga Rajan is a work-in-progress towards the Dravidian dream of building an inclusive society. Clearly, education is his chosen path. Funding the college education of girl students (a monthly aid of ₹1,000 for 36 months) will ensure a higher enrolment ratio in colleges as well as a drop in early marriages. The earlier 'Thalikku Thangam' scheme—providing gold and financial assistance for women's marriages, a scheme that drew flak for indirectly institutionalising the dowry system, has now been reshaped as a higher education assurance scheme. With the highest allocation of ₹42,565 crore, including ₹7,000 crore for modernising government schools, education is at the top of the government's agenda.

The highlight is that PTR managed to reduce the revenue deficit, which has been on a steady increase since 2014. Most of it has come from a drop in expenditure, primarily thanks to the data purity project where a scrutiny of databases of old age pension, insurance and public distribution systems helped weed out unworthy beneficiaries. For next fiscal, PTR has projected revenues of ₹2.31 lakh crore, a much healthier growth of 13.5% over this year. As explained to this newspaper in a pre-Budget interview, PTR hopes to increase revenues by as much as 17.2% from excise and commercial taxes, mostly by plugging leakages. Just ahead of the Budget, TN recently came up with a policy on data. Using data, the government wants to enhance the quality of policymaking and implementation of schemes, encourage value-added services, and improve access to and quality of services.

Going ahead, PTR has his task cut out. He has consciously tilted the scales towards social welfare, with the goal of alleviating the pain among the weaker sections of the society. As the economy bounces back, the FM wants to focus on social infrastructure and development without taking his eyes off the ongoing fiscal consolidation process. He has surely made some firm steps towards building the state economy, but faces a huge challenge in climbing the $1 trillion peak by 2030.

As money flows out of India, it would affect the exchange rate, weakening the rupee and putting considerable pressure on the already high import prices of crude and raw materials

## WHAT AN INCREASE IN FED RATES WOULD MEAN FOR INDIA

TULSI JAYAKUMAR

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SOUMYADIP SINHA

The US Federal Reserve Bank (the Fed) has raised interest rates by 25 basis points on Wednesday, after more than three long years. The last time the Fed raised interest rates was on 18–19 December 2018, by 25 basis points, announcing the target range for inflation to be within 2.25–2.5%. After that, the Fed continuously cut rates in 2019 and 2020. The last cut of 100 basis points was announced after an emergency meeting on 14–15 March 2020, which brought the target rate to 0–0.25%, thus setting into motion a two-year period of near zero rates. Such near-zero rates were aimed at giving the US economy the ability to recover from the coronavirus pandemic and have lasted two years. The rate hike on 15–16 March 2022 has brought the interest rates within a target of 0.25–0.5%. Further, the Fed has announced a total of seven hikes throughout 2022.

The reasons for the proposed hike have to do with the 'Dharma' of the Fed, like any central bank, which is to maintain economic and financial stability, monitored typically through measures of inflation and unemployment. Thus, when output falls, unemployment rises and the economy looks like it is slowing down, the Fed would go slow on its interest rates, even bringing them down to near zero levels as it did during the pandemic. Such policy measures will encourage businesses to invest more, given the low rates of interest. At the same time, it would also encourage consumers to borrow more at lower rates and spend more, thereby encouraging production growth and employment in the economy. The reverse is expected when the economy begins to get heated up, leading to inflation.

The US has been experiencing boiling prices, with inflation levels touching a 40-year high of 7.5% on an annual basis in January 2022. This was compared to its previous figure of just 1.4% in the same month the previous year. The inflation rate likely to prevail by the end of 2022 is estimated to be 4.3%, which is way above the 2% annual target set out by the Fed. The seven interest rate hikes proposed would then increase US short-term interest rates to 1.875% by the end of 2022, with the benchmark rate rising to 2.8% in 2023 following four additional hikes.

How will higher Fed rates impact India Inc.?

The Fed rates impact Foreign Institutional Investments in emerging markets like India. Higher rates of interest in the US would lead to a pulling out of these investments (also called portfolio flows) from India. FIIs have been estimated to have sold more than $29 billion worth of shares in the fiscal year 2021-22 so far, with more than 80% sale happening between October 2021–February 2022. Just to get a sense of the problem, the cumulative Foreign Portfolio Investments (FPI) flow in fiscal 2021 was $3.76 billion, which has been more than offset by the FPI outflow of $4.6 billion in January 2022 alone.

As money flows out of India, it would affect the rupee-dollar exchange rate, depreciating the rupee. Such depreciation would put considerable pressure on the already high import prices of crude and raw materials, paving the path for higher imported inflation and production costs besides higher retail inflation. The Wholesale Price Index Inflation at 13.11% indicates the constraints on the supply side for India Inc. On the other hand, retail inflation at 6.07% in February 2022 has already breached the upper limit of the range (2–6%) set out by the Reserve Bank of India two months in a row. Higher inflation beyond the tolerance band will pose challenges to India's economic recovery as India Inc. may find itself not having sufficient pricing power to pass on such costs.

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There is another route through which such inflation will bite India. The fiscal deficit numbers of 6.9% of the GDP set out in Budget 2022 are based on an oil price of $75 per barrel. Higher import prices of crude would send these numbers out of range, making government borrowings costlier, as also increasing the public debt to GDP ratio. Such a high debt to GDP ratio has been the reason for the decision of the credit rating agency, Fitch, to maintain India's sovereign credit rating at BBB- with a negative outlook. According to Fitch: "India's public debt/GDP ratio, at about 87% in FY21, is well above the median of around 60% for 'BBB' rated sovereigns."

An increase in US Fed rates, thus, will affect the cost and also the availability of overseas finance for Indian companies. They have been looking at cheap overseas finance amid these near-zero rates to fund their capital needs, as Indian economic activity picks up. Thus, Indian companies have borrowed medium and long-term funds through external commercial borrowings to the extent of $31.17 billion between April 2021 to January 2022, with $20 billion coming from only 5 months. There would be considerable constraint on such financing needs as Fed rates are hiked. Moreover, with government borrowing rates increasing due to the poor rating of Indian sovereign debt, the rates at which the private sector can borrow abroad will further increase.

India Inc. needs to monitor the global macroeconomic situation and its impact on its bottomline to be able to proactively withstand some of the external-induced shocks.

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## START-UP BOOM: CAN THE MOMENTUM BE SUSTAINED?

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For years, many of the brightest of India's youth have migrated abroad in search of greener pastures. Despite latent discrimination, many of them have advanced in their jobs and quite a few turned to entrepreneurship. Many businessmen of Indian descent have achieved enormous success and are objects of appreciation both at home and abroad.

The liberalisation of India's economy during the early 1990s largely removed the shackles on industries. While the decades following 1991 witnessed rapid growth in economic progress and reduction in poverty, it took a while to stoke the spirit of enterprise amongst youth. Jobs, especially in the government sector, continued to lure educated youth. However, the growth of IT and ITES sectors at the turn of the century crafted a new narrative in the nation. Centres like Bengaluru and Hyderabad became *desi* Silicon Valley(s) and attracted many. Even then, entrepreneurship was still not a perceptible mainstream mindset yet.

Things are changing, though. Generically described as "start-ups", mostly based on innovative business ideas and embedded in technology, they are the new ubiquitous phenomena. While vast unemployment still exists and lakhs of youth stampede for lowly government jobs, young entrepreneurs are bristling with ideas and exude a rare sense of confidence.

Today, the entrepreneur's mindset in the country is fuelled by universal mobile connectivity, internet penetration and the low cost of data. The proven innovative approach by Indians has also come to play. In the global innovation index, India has now ranked amongst the top 50 countries in the world for three consecutive years (World Intellectual Property Organisation).

Heaps of government support in the shape of funding, incubation, allowances and mentorship have certainly helped. A 10-times exponential growth in the number of start-ups is an indication of the new mindset of Indian youth in the last five years. At the same time, the number of MSMEs has doubled during the last ten years. In the last decade, the number of incubators has increased 15 times.

Due to several policy initiatives, access to funding is becoming easier, which is evident from the capital inflow (RBI). In absolute terms, FDI into India has risen from $97 million in 1991 to $82 billion for 2021. Similarly, the increase in the overall investment by private equities and venture capital firms in Indian companies touched an all-time high of $77 billion in 2021, 62% higher than 2020 (Indian Venture Capital & Private Equity Association). Several international firms such as Sequoia Capital, SoftBank, Lightspeed, Blackrock, Tiger Global, etc., have invested a large amount of money in small businesses in India.

In addition to capital from private players, the government is providing funds to propel growth in start-ups. SIDBI is operating a fund of ₹10,000 crores (DPIIT). Several initiatives by ministries under the Central government like National Innovation Foundation, ARISE-ANIC, SAMRIDH, etc., to promote innovation in critical sectors are helping. An array of tax benefits have been extended. Start-ups that meet the eligibility criteria can avail a tax holiday for three consecutive financial years out of its first 10 years since incorporation under section 80 IAC of the Income Tax Act. The state governments have also been proactive to support the growth trajectory of MSMEs/start-ups. For instance, the government of Odisha has created a fund of ₹100 Crore with alternate investment funds, seed funds and other grants to incubators. The state-of-the-art O-Hub was recently opened to house the state incubating facility.

Smaller businesses with unique ideas have picked up great interest amongst industries, raising their valuation. At the last count, unicorns in India have reached more than 90. More dramatic is the number of unicorns achieved during the last two years only. The word "soonicorn" is used by media pundits to predict which ventures will become a unicorn in the coming months. An analysis by the media platform *Next Big Brand* predicts that despite Covid, there are 26 "soonicorns" in 2022.

> An interesting characteristic of the current start-up environment is that it is dominated by few sectors. ... Around 57% has gone to retail, fintech and travel tech. Foodtech and logistics sectors are rising, but the growth in agri-tech has been among the slowest. A host of policy reforms will be needed before a full-on wave is visible

There is greater appetite for enterprise and risk taking in the socio-cultural milieu today. The viral success of business reality shows like Shark Tank is indicative that even the semi-urban Indian is also excited about entrepreneurship. Successful start-up founders and new business leaders today have become icons in society. However, the path to success is not all that rosy and there are many thorns.

One of the more critical skill sets for entrepreneurs is their ability to visualise the limitations to their ideas and pivot accordingly. The most well-known example of this was YouTube, which started as an online dating service where users could upload videos about themselves to search for romantic partners. However today the platform is synonymous with digital content for both entertainment and educational purposes. There are also several successful start-up founders who started with a business model but were prudent enough to switch to a completely new idea.

Analysis of the start-up ecosystem across different stages reveal a comparatively high failure rate in India in the initial stages. Out of 100 seed funded start-ups, 27 reach early-stage funding, out of which seven reach late stage. In contrast, out of 100 seed funded start-ups in the US, 48 reach early-stage funding and nine reach the late stage.

In India, the growth and funding at the early stage has not been encouraging. Since it is the early-stage investor who takes the maximum risk, the ecosystem needs to incentivise this. Most early-stage investors make returns via capital gains, i.e. selling their equity to late-stage investors at a higher value. In the current taxation regime, long-term capital gains from start-up investment is taxed at the same as unlisted equity, around 2.4 times of the applicable rate for listed equity. In business-friendly ecosystems, several incentives are provided to early-stage investors. For instance, in Singapore, start-up investors who hold an investment for two years can claim a deduction on the taxable income at 50% of the investment, though this is capped at SGD500 thousand. While the Indian government has brought about angel tax exemption, several experts are of the opinion that they are too complicated for implementation.

Another emerging trend is worrisome. Many successful IPOs are trading far below their listed prices. For example, Zomato has been trading around 27% of its listed price, Paytm stock prices have been on a downslide, around 50% of its listed price (Inc42). One of the contributing factors may be the over-hyped valuation numbers for their initial public offerings. The founders will need to deliver sustainable financial performance to convince the stock market.

An interesting characteristic of the current start-up environment is that it is dominated by few sectors. An analysis of VC funding during the last decade shows that around 57% has gone to retail, fintech and travel tech. Foodtech and logistics sectors are rising, but the growth in agri-tech has been among the slowest. Obviously, even in this realm there is movement, but a host of policy reforms will be needed before a full-on wave is visible.

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### Instil confidence in voters

This is with reference to *Congress can't be privately owned* (Mar 20). The article has highlighted the selfishness of the top leadership of the Congress, which doesn't seem to have learnt any lesson from the defeat in the recent Assembly elections. At present, the party needs a complete overhaul and the leadership must be given to someone who has the capability to rebuild it. That leader must be able to connect with the people and instil confidence among the electorate.

**Ram Saran Singh, Bengaluru**

### Internal reforms needed

Interim Congress president Sonia Gandhi must be aware of the emerging situation within the party, especially with its loss in the Assembly elections in five states. Internal reforms and collective responsibility are essential to save the Congress and its image.

**S Sathavu, Theni**

### Annihilation of Congress

As the article points out, the Congress must get rid of Sonia and her children in the larger interests of the GOP, if not the nation. But this seems to be falling on deaf ears and the party is heading for total annihilation in the coming years if it fails to assimilate people's expectations. The party 'seniors' are doing more harm to the party by their obdurate sycophancy.

**Ramalingeswara Rao, email**

### Naidu's call welcome

This is with reference to *What's wrong with saffron, asks Naidu* (Mar 20). Vice President Venkaiah Naidu's call for the rejection of the Macaulay system of education merits consideration. There is no meaning in thrusting the half-baked, colonial system of education on the nation. It is desirable to inculcate Indian values in education, even if it is called saffronisation by its detractors.

**Dharmarajan A K, Thalassery**

### Hindutva in education?

Naidu's statement may look innocuously genuine but it seems to be a clarion call to usher in Hindutva into our education. The introduction of the Bhagavad Gita into school curriculum, disregarding the sacred texts of other religions is an example of shredding all pretensions of secularism. It would be good to exorcise the ghost of Macaulay, but the attempted replacement is more devious.

**A Raveendranath, Aranmula**

### Don't scrap GO 111

On one hand, the Telangana government is constructing dams and tanks to increase water resources in the state. On the other hand, it is talking about scrapping the GO 111, which protects the state's water bodies from encroachment by land sharks. This would be detrimental to the government's plan while also raising the chances of floods.

**T Kailash Ditya, Hyderabad**

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**TWEETS OF THE DAY**

**Mahua Moitra** @MahuaMoitra
Russia is killing hundreds of civilians, bombing Ukraine into a sea of rubble and all India can do is strike cheap oil import deals from Russia?

**Kiran Bedi** @thekiranbedi
Unbearable to see the way human life is being destroyed in Ukraine. Can't bear the cries and agony. War must stop. Where is humanity?

**Prashant Bhushan** @pbhushan1
Hong Kong has 99% people wearing masks & 90% vaccinated, yet it today has the highest Covid cases, hospitalisations & deaths ever among all countries

# It's final, Biren retained as CM of Manipur

Ending days of suspense, BJP announces name of incumbent for another term, swearing-in likely before March 23

**PRASANTA MAZUMDAR** @Guwahati

N Biren Singh will continue as the Chief Minister of Manipur. Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman made the announcement on Sunday after a closed-door meeting she and Union Law Minister Kiren Rijiju had in Imphal with BJP MLAs of the state.

Sitharaman and Rijiju were sent to the state as BJP's observer and co-observer, respectively. A strong contender for the post was BJP's senior-most MLA in the state and former minister Thongam Biswajit Singh. Sitahraman said it was a unanimous decision. She hoped it would go a long way in Manipur's stability and good governance.

Nirmala Sitharaman with N Biren Singh in Imphal on Sunday | PTI

Singh is likely to be sworn in before March 23. He tweeted, "Immensely grateful to Hon'ble PM Shri @narendramodi Ji & Hon'ble National Party President Sh @JPNadda Ji for entrusting me to serve as the Leader of the Legislative Party. I thank each and every Karyakarta of @BJP4Manipur for their tireless efforts in bringing a BJP Govt today."

Earlier in the day, Singh and Biswajit arrived from Delhi along with the two observers and others. The names of the duo were doing the rounds for the past week, during which they visited Delhi twice on being summoned by the party's Central leadership and held discussions with Union Home Minister Amit Shah, BJP president Nadda and senior leader BL Santhosh.

The BJP had a stunning performance under Singh, winning 32 of the 60 seats. This is the first time that the BJP will form the government in Manipur on its own. In the 72-year history of Manipur as a state, the only other occasion when a party (Congress) managed to secure majority was in 2012.

Manipur has been largely peaceful over the past five years under the Singh-headed coalition government. As there was no disparity, the hills and the valley had their equal share of development. Singh's government had also ridden the state of the perennial problem of bandhs and blockades.

## POWER GAMES

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### PM'S PRINCIPAL SECRETARY

**GAUBA, SOMANATHAN IN RACE TO REPLACE PK MISHRA**

There is buzz in the bureaucracy that Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Principal Secretary PK Mishra has decided to hang up his boots. Mishra, a 1972 batch Gujarat cadre IAS officer, who had worked closely with Modi in his home state, was reemployed after retirement. Mishra had taken over as Principal Secretary from Nripendra Mishra, who had resigned on personal grounds. According to sources, either Cabinet Secretary Rajiv Gauba or Finance Secretary T V Somanathan would be the next Principal Secretary in the Prime Minister's Office. Somanathan is a 1987 batch Tamil Nadu cadre IAS officer, who has earlier served as Additional Secretary and Joint Secretary in the Prime Minister's Office under Modi. Gauba is also a regime favourite and was given a one-year extension last year and his term as Cabinet Secretary would come to an end in August this year. He has earlier served as Union Home Secretary under Amit Shah. The Prime Minister, however, would take a final call on when he would allow Mishra to leave and who the next man would be.

Rajiv Gauba

TV Somanathan

### WHO IS YOGI?

**NSE CASE GOES IN CIRCLES AS CBI SKIMS THE SURFACE**

The CBI has confronted NSE's former Chief Strategy Advisor Anand Subramanian with two sets of evidence to prove that he was the person whom Chitra Ramkrishna, the former CEO and MD of NSE, referred to as the Himalayan yogi in her deposition. First, the geo-tagging of some pictures attached to mails sent from the so-called yogi's account to Ramkrishna showed that the mails originated from places close to Anand's Chennai residence. The second evidence is that the email ID used by the yogi, rigyajursama@outlook.com, was linked to Subramanian's Skype ID. Based on these, CBI seems convinced that Anand is the yogi. CBI did not collect this evidence in the course of its investigation. It was deduced by Ernst & Young in a forensic audit it had carried out on the request of NSE in a case relating to illegality in Subramanian's appointment. But Subramanian has flatly denied being the yogi. SEBI too has rejected E&Y's findings. In a 190-page investigation report, SEBI has explained in detail why Subramanian could not be the yogi. This paper has carried the SEBI report in detail. CBI has not conducted any fresh investigation. It is using the E&Y's findings to prove that Subramanian is the yogi. Subramanian is not accepting this. As result, the case is making no headway. According to SEBI, there is a third person, or more than one person, who have been communicating with Ramkrishna though the email ID rigyajursama@outlook.com. CBI needs to go beyond what E&Y has said to find out yogi's identity. A good place to start would be the 2,500 emails in its possession. Renowned cognitive psychologist and linguist Steven Pinker says every sentence is unique. CBI could get a linguist to examine the emails to figure out who the author could be.

### DEMAND OF REBEL LEADERS

**PRESSURE MOUNTS ON RAHUL TO SACK VENUGOPAL**

The Congress leadership has dangled the carrot in front of two seniors in the rebel camp. It has reportedly offered a Rajya Sabha seat to Ghulam Nabi Azad and presidentship of Haryana Congress to Bhupinder Singh Hooda. But this would not satisfy the rebels' demand of democratising the functioning of the party at every level and ushering in inclusive leadership. Simply put, the latter of the two demands means allowing rebels to call the shots. Or at least including them in organisational the decision-making. The rebels want some heads to roll to help them claim victory and lay down their arms. One of the key targets is K C Venugopal, general secretary in-charge of organisational matters. He is Rahul's trusted lieutenant. Sources say Venugopal may be asked to make way for a mutually acceptable organisational in-charge. Rahul had earlier asked his key adviser Kanishka Singh to take a back seat under pressure from veterans.

# New CM of Uttarakhand will have to take crucial decisions

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** @New Delhi

WHEN the 12th Chief Minister of Uttarakhand takes oath this week, the state government has to get ready to take some important decisions.

These include land law, increment in pension of the specially-abled elderly and others from ₹1,200 to ₹1,500, uniform civil code for Uttarakhand, increment in salaries of ad-hoc teachers, anganwadi workers and others.

"We are committed to fulfill all promises made in our manifesto. We have been reiterating that BJP has done what it had promised to the people of Uttarakhand," said Madan Kaishik, president of Uttarakhand unit of the party. These were promised by the BJP in its manifesto titled 'Drishti Patra' (Vision Document) for Uttarakhand.

On Sunday, a series of meetings took place in Delhi featuring state and national leaders to decide who will be the next Chief Minister. State party functionaries including former CM Trivendra Singh, state president Kaushik, acting CM Pushkar Singh Dhami met Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Union Home Minister Amit Shah and Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, who is also the party's observer for Uttarakhand.

BJP has also decided to hold the oath-taking ceremony at Parade Ground in Dehradun instead of Raj Bhawan. The Parade Ground has a capacity of over 20,000. Protem speaker Bansidhar Bhagat will take oath on Monday, followed by 70 MLAs of the Assembly. This will be followed by a meeting of the legislature group to announce the new CM. The oath ceremony of the CM and cabinet is likely on Tuesday.

Rumours are doing the rounds about who will head the hill state. Names of acting Chief Minister Dhami, senior minister Dhan Singh Rawat, former CM Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank are doing rounds. Six MLAs have said they are ready to vacate their seats for Chief Minister Dhami to contest.

# PM to attend oath-taking ceremony of Goa CM

**PTI** @Panjim

THE swearing-in ceremony of the new BJP government in Goa, where the party has emerged as the single largest political force by winning 20 of the 40 Assembly seats, will tentatively take place between March 23 and 25, senior party leaders said on Sunday.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi and senior BJP leaders will be present for the event, they said. Caretaker CM Pramod Sawant said BJP observers will arrive in the state on Monday, after which the date of the swearing-in ceremony will be finalised.

BJP, which has secured the support of two Maharashtrawadi Gomantak Party MLAs and three Independents, is yet to stake claim to form the new government.

BJP leaders, including Sawant and Goa president Sadanand Shet Tanavade, held a meeting at the party office on Sunday. Talking to reporters after the meeting, Tanavade said the date of swearing-in of the new government would be announced once party observers arrive.

"The swearing-in ceremony of the new government will be held tentatively between March 23 and 25," he said, adding that PM Modi will attend the event. Governor P S Sreedharan Pillai will administer the oath of secrecy to the new CM in a grand function.

# Perform or make room for others: Kejriwal to Punjab ministers

**HARPREET BAJWA** @Chandigarh

PERFORM or make room for others. That was the message from Arvind Kejriwal to the new ministers of the Punjab cabinet headed by Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann. The national convenor of AAP and Delhi CM was addressing a virtual meeting with the party MLAs in Punjab. He added that ministers will be given targets and failure would result in replacements.

Kejriwal cautioned the MLAs that involvement in corruption would invite strictest of measures. Referring to those upset at missing out on cabinet berths, the AAP chief said they should not be disheartened because they would be given other responsibilities. Mann said that in Delhi, performance of the legislators is evaluated. Similarly, he said, MLAs found wanting in Punjab will not be given election tickets next time.

Kejriwal said he would not congratulate the newly sworn-in minister but wish them and pray that they fulfil the expectations of people. "I wish you carry out the task assigned with hard work and sincerity. As Bhagwant Mann had said that we have wasted 70 years, we are short on time. He will give you targets. You have to work round the clock. If you do not meet targets then people will say change the minister and you will feel bad about it. But we will have no option but to replace you," he said.

"We won 92 seats and only 17 can become ministers. It is not that those who did not become ministers are less competent. You all are diamonds and are capable. All 92 of us have to work as a team. We need to leave selfish ambitions aside if we want to see Punjab progress. Cabinet berth or chairmanship or any other post should not the target of any leader."

Telling the ministers and MLAs that CM Mann is their leader, Kejriwal said, "I am like your elder brother. But you have to work as a team of Mann the CM."

# 'Only free polls can reflect will of Congmen'

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REBELS say Mistry was handpicked by the Gandhi family and he has in turn appointed Pradesh Returning Officers (PROs), who would conduct election in states under their charge. Each of these state PROs would be assisted by two Assistant Pradesh Returning Officers (APROs).

The PROs and APROs would facilitate and supervise polls of PCC delegates and AICC members. The electoral college for electing the Congress president comprises over 10,000 PCC delegates who are elected at the block level by the block Congress presidents. These delegates then elect about 1,400 AICC members, who in turn elect members of the CWC.

This is the procedure on paper. In practice, the PROs and APROs, in consultation with the central party leadership, prepare lists of PCC delegates and AICC members and get them signed by the respective state presidents. This list is approved by the CEC and the Congress president and CWC members are then elected. Rebels say the hand-picked CEC and PROs and APROs would pick only family loyalists as PCC delegates and AICC members. "It is a process rigged to elect a member of the Gandhi family or their nominee," said a prominent G23 member.

He demanded that the CEC immediately be disbanded and a fresh election body formed in a transparent manner with wide consultation. He said only a free and fair election would reflect the will of Congressmen.

# Parties including Congress create divisions: Azad

**FAYAZ WANI** @Srinagar

AMID controversy over the film *The Kashmir Files*, Congress leader and former J&K Chief Minister Ghulam Nabi Azad on Sunday said Pakistan and militancy were responsible for what happened in Jammu and Kashmir and claimed that political parties including his own party were creating divisions among people.

"Pakistan and militancy are responsible for what happened in J&K. Every bad thing happened during militancy. Militancy brought death and destruction... thousands were killed, thousands were widowed and lakhs were orphaned. It separated people," Azad said while addressing a function organised by Civil Society in Jammu to honour him for receiving Padma Bhushan.

He said everybody including Kashmiri Muslims, Pandits and Hindus were affected by militancy and no place remained unaffected. He, however, asserted that linking militancy with a particular religion is wrong and militancy cannot be linked with a particular place.

"Kashmiri Muslims, Kashmiri Pandits, Hindus, Dogras and non Dogras were affected by militancy. Some of them lost lives, some families, some property and some business,"

Ghulam Nabi Azad at a felicitation function in Jammu on Sunday | PTI

Azad said. His remarks come amid controversy over *The Kashmir Files*, which is based on the 1990 exodus of the Kashmiri Pandits from the Valley.

Azad said militancy had 99.9% negative effect and in its 0.1% positive effect, Jammu became a cosmopolitan city while Kashmir did not. In Jammu, he said, people of all 22 districts of erstwhile J&K state have residences. "Kashmiri Muslims, Pandits, Hindus, Sikhs and Ladakh people have houses here".

According to Azad, Kashmir had secularism before and after militancy but the Valley was never a cosmopolitan city. The former CM said Mahatma Gandhi was the biggest Hindu and secularist and hit out at parties for creating division among the people. "Political parties including mine create division among people."

# Arrested Malik remains minister, but portfolios distributed among others

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** @Mumbai

**OPPOSITION DEMANDS RESIGNATION, MVA FIRM**

In the ongoing budget session of the state Assembly, BJP has been vocal demanding Malik's resignation. The MVA government has maintained that Malik has not been proven guilty

IN the absence of Nawab Malik as its Mumbai unit president, NCP has appointed two working presidents for the and Malik's portfolios have been handed over to other NCP ministers.

Malik has been arrested in connection with a money laundering case. NCP state unit president Jayant Patil said they have decided to appoint two working presidents. He said the party's functioning should not stop.

"We have made a temporary arrangement in absence of Malik. He has not resigned as the Mumbai unit president or minister," Patil added. Malik remains a minister in the government without a portfolio.

NCP appointed BMC corporator and NCP group leader in BMC Rakhi Jadhav and Narendra Rane the working presidents.

Malik's minority affair ministry portfolio has been handed over to housing minister Jitendra Awhad, while the skill development department's charge was given to health minister Rajesh Tope. Both are NCP ministers.

Malik was also the guardian minister of the Parbhani and Gondhia districts. Parbhani district's charge was given to NCP minister Dhananjay Munde, while the responsibility of Gondhia went to NCP minister Prajkta Tanpure.

Sources in NCP said the party is with Malik, but they are not sure when he will get bail in the case allegedly linked to D company. "In money laundering case, it's tough to get bail. We are trying. He has been framed in this case because he was vocal against BJP and and the Central government's policies.

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### AAP convention in Jaipur on March 26, 27

Jaipur: Buoyed by success in Punjab, AAP is focusing on Rajasthan. The party will hold a convention in Jaipur on March 26 and 27 to 'strenghthen' the organisation in the state where elections are due next year. State in-charge and Rajya Sabha MP Sanjay Singh will hold talks on ways to make people aware of its welfare schemes.

### Yogi launches polio inoculation drive

Gorakhpur: Though India has not reported any polio case in more than a decade, the disease still poses a threat, Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath said on Sunday. Launching an immunisation drive at Gorakhpur district hospital, he said the campaign will continue till the disease is eradicated.

# Thackeray rules out alliance with AIMIM, calls it BJP's B team

**SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI** @Mumbai

MAHARASHTRA Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray on Sunday rejected the AIMIM's offer of alliance, terming it a BJP ploy to defame the Shiv Sena which heads the Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) government.

Addressing Sena MPs and other leaders, including district presidents, via video link, Uddhav said, "Shiv Sena will never ally with AIMIM, which is the 'B' team of the BJP... Who has sought an alliance with the AIMIM? This is a plan and conspiracy of BJP. AIMIM and BJP have a tacit understanding. The BJP has ordered the AIMIM to defame the Shiv Sena, to raise questions on Sena's Hindutva. Accordingly, the AIMIM leaders are making the offer."

AIMIM MP Imtiaz Jaleel had on Saturday said the party was ready to ally with the MVA to prevent the BJP from coming to power. Alleging that the BJP is using Hindutva only for political gains, the Sena chief said, "We play politics for Hindutva. They are using Hindutva for politics. This is the main difference between them and us."

On Saturday, BJP leader and former CM Devendra Fadnavis had taken a swipe at Shiv Sena, calling it 'Janab Sena', after the AIMIM's alliance offer to the Thackeray-led party. Responding to this, Uddhav referred to the BJP's tie-up with the PDP, wondering if the party should be called 'Hizbul Janata Party'. "In 2015, the BJP allied with Mehbooba Mufti, whose party had opposed the hanging of terrorist Afzal Guru... Our Hindutva is different from BJP's Hindutva, which is aimed at power-grabbing at any cost."

Announcing to launch a public outreach drive, 'Shiv Sampark Mohim', from March 22 in Marathwada and Vidarbha regions, he asked party leaders to highlight "the illusion and confusion" BJP is trying to create on various issues by unleashing its propaganda machinery.

**URGING WORKERS TO EXPAND BASE**

Uddhav Thackeray exhorted Shiv Sena workers to expand the party's base, especially in BJP bastions. "We should focus on these seats and reach out to every household".

**ASSAULT ON MINOR**

A 17-year-old girl was allegedly abducted and gang-raped after being forced to consume country-made liquor on the outskirts of Bhuj town in Gujarat's Kutch district, police said on Sunday

**3 GRENADES** FOUND NEAR A PUBLIC SCHOOL IN AMBALA

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Sharad Yadav and Tejashwi Yadav being garlanded during the merger of LJD with RJD in New Delhi on Sunday | SHEKHAR YADAV

# Aiming oppn unity, Sharad merges his party with RJD

LJD founder says time has come to form united front against BJP

**RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR** @ New Delhi

AIMING to shape a strong front against the BJP, Loktantrik Janata Dal and Rashtriya Janata Dal leaders on Sunday formally announced the merger of two parties. "As the first step towards opposition unity, and with a strong resolve to save democracy and the Constitution from the relentless onslaughts of BJP, we are merging LJD with the RJD," said LJD founder Sharad Yadav. The merger event was held at the residence of the veteran socialist leader in the presence of RJD leader Tejashwi Yadav.

The LJD chief exuded confidence that the merger would certainly convey a strong message for opposition unity against the hegemony of BJP.

Sharad Yadav, who had a long stint of rivalry with RJD chief Lalu Prasad, also announced he would work with the latter for "creating a formidable" opposition against the BJP.

"It is now imperative all parties in the opposition are united to defeat the BJP in order to save the democracy and the constitution," Yadav said.

He said the merged outfit will give priority to the unity and unification of the Opposition. "Only after the opposition unity is strengthened to a great extent that we will think about who will lead the united front," he categorically said.

Describing Tejashwi Yadav as the future of politics for social justice and equality following the political ideologies of RJD chief Lalu Prasad, he said: "Lalu Prasad went to jail just because he had fought against communal forces."

Tejashwi Yadav said the merger was the "demand of the people" in order to strengthen opposition unity. "We should have united in 2019 but, no problem, better late than never. All regional parties in the opposition should get a message from this merger as the time has come to get united against the BJP," Tejashwi said.

Sharad Yadav floated LJD in 2018 when he parted ways from Janata Dal (United) expressing displeasure over JD-U going in alliance with the BJP. Sources said Sharad Yadav is likely to be nominated to the Rajya Sabha during the biennial polls to be held in June this year.

# No generators in 56 U'khand hospitals

**VINEET UPADHYAY** @ Dehradun

THERE are at least 56 state government hospitals in six districts of Uttarakhand that have no power backup, a critical requirement the absence of which can imperil the lives of patients in the event of an outage.

State health department data reveals that 45 such health establishments are in Pauri district alone and six in Bageshwar.

When asked, a state health department official said, "The government is working towards fixing this soon. Things got delayed because of the assembly elections."

Apart from Pauri and Bageshwar, government health facilities in four other districts — Champawat, Pithoragarh, Chamoli and Dehradun — are facing problems due to power cuts, occasionally or frequently. Nainital, Udham Singh Nagar, Uttarkashi, Almora, Haridwar, Tehri and Rudraprayag districts are facing so such issues, however.

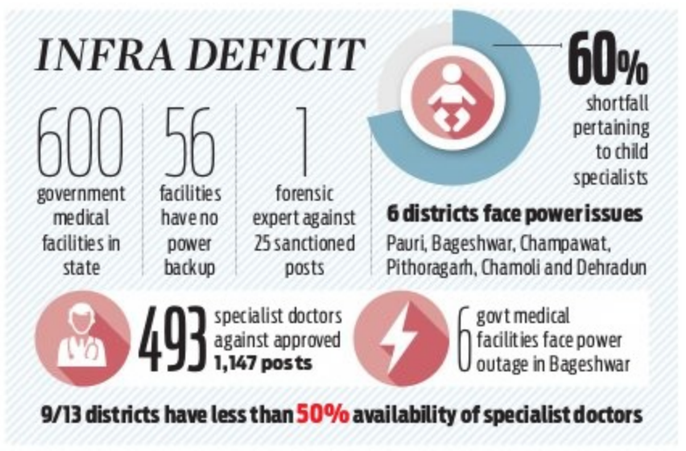
Health infrastructure in Uttarakhand is in dire straits. Last year, an RTI reply had revealed that the state had only one forensic expert against 25 sanctioned posts. Out of 1,147 posts for specialist doctors, only 493 were available.

Similarly, the state had around 60% shortfall pertaining to child specialists, revealed another RTI reply last year.

The data accessed through RTI queries filed by Social Development for Communities Foundation also revealed that 9 out of 13 districts have less than 50% availability of specialist doctors.

A great imbalance in the distribution of specialist doctors among the districts also came to the fore. There are no eye surgeons in the hill district of Champawat as against three approved positions whereas 11 eye surgeons are working in Dehradun as against the six approved positions.

Similarly, only one gynecologist is available in Bageshwar out of five sanctioned posts, four in Pauri against 22 vacancies, two out of 15 in Tehri and one out of nine in Chamoli. Chamoli and Champawat have no public health experts.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## *Big corruption in Guj civil supplies dept: Congress*

Ahmedabad: Sharply attacking the ruling BJP in Gujarat, opposition Congress on Sunday alleged that more than 52 lakh children in the state have been deprived of mid-day meals for the last four months. The party also alleged that under the public distribution system, around 70,000 ration cardholders have been deprived of split peas (arhar dal/ toor dal), and 46% of children and 55% of women in the state are malnourished due to corruption in the PDS system. The party alleged that large-scale corruption has been going on in the Food and Civil Supplies Department for a long time. ENS

# Nitish should resign over soaring crimes: Tejashwi

**RAMASHANKAR** @ Patna

THE alleged custodial death of a man in Bihar's West Champaran district on Saturday has provided fresh ammunition to the main opposition RJD to attack Chief Minister Nitish Kumar, who also holds the Home portfolio.

Taking a swipe at Kumar, leader of opposition Tejashwi Prasad Yadav on Sunday said the CM should resign immediately if he was unable to contain the "soaring incidents of crime" in the state.

Yadav alleged the West Champaran incident in which a 40-year-old man was allegedly thrashed to death in police custody was not an isolated one. Several such incidents were reported earlier but no concrete steps were taken by the government, he said. To drive home his point, Yadav said even Speaker Vijay Kumar Sinha's perception about the police came to the fore recently. "There is no need to elaborate it further when the Assembly Speaker made his opinion public," he added.

Incidents of murder, kidnapping, rape, extortion and dacoity have become a routine affair with police turning a blind eye, Yadav alleged. "*Agar Nitish ji se kursi nahi sambhal rahi hai to unko resign kar dena chahiye* (Nitish Kumar should resign if he fails to control crime)," the opposition leader said.

The 40-year-old man died in police custody after he was picked up for interrogation from Arya Nagar. He was accused of playing vulgar songs on DJ on the occasion of Holi, which enraged some neighbours.

A police vehicle set on fire by villagers over custodial death of a man | PTI

**GRILLING IN DELHI**

# Abhishek, wife to face ED in coal scam case

KOLKATA: Trinamool Congress MP and party national general secretary Abhishek Banerjee and his wife, Rujira, will reach Delhi on Sunday to appear before the Enforcement Directorate (ED) for questioning in connection with a probe into a money laundering case linked to a coal scam, a well-placed source said.

Both Abhishek Banerjee, the nephew of West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee, and his wife are scheduled to face the ED sleuths for interrogation in the national capital on March 21 and 22, he said.

Abhishek and his wife had earlier moved the court against the ED's summon to Delhi, stating that since both are residents of West Bengal they should not be called by the agency to appear before it in the national capital.

The Delhi High Court on March 11 had dismissed their plea. Meanwhile, Abhishek said the BJP government at the Centre is using the ED and CBI for its political interests, unable to accept the setback in the 2021 West Bengal polls. "If anyone can prove that I had misappropriated even 10 paise, I will walk up the podium and get myself hanged publicly. No need to put ED and CBI behind me," the MP said. *PTI*

# J&K acid attack: Court frames charges against duo

**FAYAZ WANI** @ Srinagar

A Srinagar court has framed charges against two accused in last month's acid attack on a girl while a board has been constituted by Juvenile Justice Board (JJB) to decide whether the third accused, who is a minor, can be treated as an adult in the trial.

Principal Sessions Judge (Srinagar) Jawad Ahmed framed charges against the two accused — Sajid Altaf Rather and Mohammad Saleem Kumar — under sections 120-B (criminal conspiracy) and 326-A (voluntarily causing grievous hurt by use of acid) of the Indian Penal Code (IPC) over the February 1 acid attack against a young woman in Srinagar.

The next date of hearing has been fixed on March 30.

The 24-year-old woman was attacked with acid by the accused youth in Hawal area of Srinagar in which she sustained severe injuries on face and eyes. She is currently undergoing treatment at a hospital in Chennai.

Police had arrested all the three accused within 24 hours of the incident. Of the three persons held, one was the attacker, another his associate and the third one is a motor mechanic, who provided the acid.

Police filed the chargesheet on February 22 against the two adult accused in CJM court and against one accused, who is a minor, in the Juvenile Justice Board (JJB).

A petition has also been filed in JJB to try the juvenile as adult in line with the amended Juvenile Justice Act as he falls in the age group of 16-18 years and the nature of the crime is heinous.

Subsequently, a board has been constituted by JJB wherein assessment regarding his mental and psychological parameters is being conducted to decide if he can be treated as an adult in the trial.

# Encroachments by accused in major crimes bulldozed

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** @ Bhopal

THE Shivraj Singh Chouhan government was in action against alleged perpetrators of two major crimes in Madhya Pradesh on Sunday.

The administration and police in Raisen and Sheopur districts bulldozed houses of those accused in the recent gang rape of a minor girl and the tribal-Muslim clashes.

All the constructions which were demolished had come up by allegedly encroaching upon public land.

In Sheopur, the houses belonging to the three men Mohsin, Riyaz and Shahwaz (who had allegedly abducted and gang-raped a minor girl) were demolished in an hour.

Similarly, the Raisen district administration demolished the houses allegedly built through illegal encroachments on public land of those accused in clashes with tribals over small arguments. So far 14 persons have been arrested in connection with the Friday evening clashes which killed a young tribal man and injured over 40 others in Raisen district.

On Saturday, the CM had visited the state government's Hamidia Hospital in Bhopal and enquired about the health of those admitted there after getting injured in the Friday evening clashes.

**EXPRESS READ**

### Cong MLA to vote for NDA in RS polls: Himanta

Guwahati: Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma on Sunday claimed that suspended Congress MLA Sashi Kanta Das will vote for the BJP-led NDA candidates during the Rajya Sabha biennial elections in the state. Two Rajya Sabha seats from the state are falling vacant on April 2 and the voting is scheduled to be held on March 31. After meeting the disgruntled opposition legislator Das at his residence in Raha in Nagaon district, Sarma said: "Das had earlier announced that he would be with the government for all developmental works. Now, he has announced to vote for BJP-led NDA candidates in Rajya Sabha polls." The chief minister later tweeted about his meeting with Das and said that they "reviewed developmental activities in the area".

### Protest after temple gate demolished in Rajasthan

Jaipur: The demolition of 'Ram Darbar' entry gate to the famous Salasar temple in Churu district has led to outrage among right wing organisations. The gate was demolished by the Public Works Department on March 15 for widening of road. Opposition BJP condemned the Gehlot government. "Demolishing Ram Darbar and entry gate to Salasar Balaji in the name of development is unfortunate and condemnable. Is this the only development of Congress government?" former CM Vasundhara Raje said in a tweet. BJP Rajasthan tweeted, "'Nocturnal act of Gehlot government in Sujangarh! In the dark night, the Gehlot government ran a bulldozer on the idols of Lord Ram and his Darbar. Gehlot ji, we will not forget..."

# Political storm in Rajasthan after FIR names CM Gehlot's son in ₹6 cr fraud

**RAJESH ASNANI** @ Jaipur

A political storm has erupted in Rajasthan over the son of CM Ashok Gehlot, Vaibhav Gehlot, being named as an accused in a fraud case in Maharashtra.

A Nashik-based businessman Sushil Patil has lodged an FIR against Gujarat Congress leader Sachin Valera and 14 people, including Vaibhav Gehlot, for committing fraud of over ₹6 crore on the promise of passing his tender bids in Rajasthan government departments, especially for construction of e-toilets in the tourism department. The opposition BJP has gone aggressive and is now attacking both the CM and his son. The issue is likely to rock Rajasthan Assembly when it reopens after the Holi break on Monday.

The FIR was registered against 14 people from Gujarat and Rajasthan, including Vaibhav and Valera, in Nashik on March 17. The complainant has alleged that Valera, who presented himself as someone close to Rajasthan CM's son, fraudulently obtained ₹6.80 crore from him on the pretext of landing him contracts with the Rajasthan government. The case has been registered following a court order and the main accused is Gujarat Congress secretary Sachin Valera, son of senior Congress leader Purushottam Bhai Valera.

Rajasthan BJP has sharpened its attack on senior Gehlot for his son's involvement in what the party calls the "e-toilet tender scam". Senior BJP leader and leader of opposition Gulabchand Kataria said the CM describes himself as a follower of Mahatma Gandhi and claims to live a life like him. "But a court has issued orders to the Gangapur police station in Nashik to register an FIR against Vaibhav Gehlot, son of the Gandhi of Rajasthan".

Vaibhav dismissed all allegations and claimed he had no links to the case.

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### Emulate BJP's working style: Pawar tells party

Nationalist Congress Party supremo Sharad Pawar has told the ministers, MLAs and leaders of his party to adopt and implement the "good skills" and "qualities" of the BJP. Even though the BJP is their political rival, Pawar said, NCP leaders should not hesitate to appreciate the good qualities of the BJP when it comes to hammering the development works among the voters. Pawar advised NCP leaders to work like the saffron party by strengthening booth-level activities and taking the work done to the last person of the society so that they vote for the party as UP voters voted for BJP. In the UP polls, the ruling BJP reaped dividends from some of its welfare measures.

### New police chief serious about addressing issues

Where there is a will there is a way. This proverb is suitable to recently appointed Mumbai Police Commissioner Sanjay Pandey. After assuming charge, Pandey did not waste a single minute and addressed some perennial issues. He said Mumbaikars need not come to police stations for police verification of their passport application. He said only when a person is facing a serious offence, he/she is needed to visit the station for verification of passport application. The second issue that he raised was old and abandoned vehicles and motorcycles lying on roadsides, particularly near police stations and government offices. These vehicles lie abandoned for years and these places become a den of rodents and anti-social elements. This issue needs to be addressed, the police chief said.

### Tax-free films: Ajit Pawar makes a point

Deputy CM Ajit Pawar, who also holds the finance portfolio, has once again proven that he is a man of real finance. There was a demand in the legislative council by the BJP to make 'Kashmir Files' tax-free in the state, but Pawar said that there is another demand – making the movie 'Jhund', which depicts caste reality, tax-free. He suggested the Centre should remove GST on the movie so that state governments don't need to make separate decisions. Earlier, when there was pressure from to reduce taxes on fuel, Pawar did not budge and said the state economy was in delicate condition.

### Toothless tigers in Maha state Congress

Nana Patole may be the president of Maharashtra Congress unit but he has no power to appoint even district presidents. The state president's post looks like one without power. Patole can only recommend the names but final approval has to be made by Congress president and this is done based on the advice of the state Congress in-charge. The in-charge is more powerful than the state president and therefore, the latter and officer-bearers are toothless tigers when it comes to fighting giants like BJP and expanding the party network. There is a demand within the Congress to dismantle the in-charge post and empower the state president.

6 dead, 10 injured as speeding car rams carnival revellers in Strepy-Bracquegnies, Belgium

**GLOBAL WEATHER**

LR: Light Rain • HR: Heavy Rain • SW: Snow • TDS: Thundershower • LC: Light Cloud • SNY: Sunny

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| Beijing | 11 | 0 | SNY | Los Angeles | 23 | 10 | SNY |
| Colombo | 30 | 26 | TDS | Melbourne | 25 | 16 | LC |
| Dhaka | 36 | 22 | SNY | Moscow | 7 | 1 | SNY |
| Dubai | 29 | 19 | SNY | New York | 15 | 17 | LC |
| Houston | 24 | 16 | SNY | Singapore | 31 | 27 | TDS |
| Istanbul | 6 | 2 | HR | Toronto | 10 | 1 | LR |
| London | 11 | 0 | LC | Washington | 15 | 6 | LC |

# RUSSIA BOMBED SCHOOL HOUSING 400 REFUGEES, SAYS UKRAINE

Civilians under rubble, say officials | Mariupol seige will go down as war crime, says Zelenskyy

KYIV

UKRAINIAN authorities said on Sunday that Russia had bombed a school sheltering 400 people in the besieged port of Mariupol, as Moscow claimed that it had again fired hypersonic missiles in Ukraine, the second time it had used the next-generation weapon on its neighbour.

Turkey said the two sides were close to a deal to stop the fighting, amid reports of more civilians being killed in strikes across the country.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said the siege of Mariupol, a strategic port in the southeast where utilities and communications have been cut for days, would go down as a war crime.

"Our cities have turned into multi-storey ruins, every area is like a horror movie," Sergiy Gaiday, head of the Lugansk regional administration, wrote on Telegram app.

The war in Ukraine, which Russian President Vladimir Putin launched on February 24 to stamp out the pro-Western leanings in the ex-Soviet country, has sparked the fastest growing refugee crisis in Europe since World War II, felled Russia-West relations to Cold War-era lows, and is wreaking havoc in the world economy still recovering from the coronavirus pandemic.

"Yesterday, Russian occupiers dropped bombs on art school No 12," the Mariupol city council said on Telegram on Sunday, adding that around 400 women, children and elderly people had been sheltering there from bombardments. "Peaceful civilians are still under the rubble," it said.

City authorities also claimed that some residents of Mariupol were being forcibly taken to Russia and stripped of their Ukrainian passports.

"The occupiers are sending the residents of Mariupol to filtration camps, checking their phones and seizing (their) Ukrainian documents," Pavlo Kyrylenko, head of the Donetsk regional administration said, adding that more than 1,000 Mariupol residents had been deported.

"I appeal to the international community: put pressure on Russia and its madman of a leader," he said on Facebook. In the encircled northern city of Chernigiv, Mayor Vladislav Atroshenko said on television early Sunday that dozens of civilians were killed after shelling hit a hospital. *AFP*

A woman looks at her passport as she and other refugees stand in line for free train tickets in the hall of the main railway station in Przemysl, southeastern Poland, on Sunday | AFP

Pope Francis delivers his blessing from his studio overlooking St Peter's Square, at the Vatican on Sunday | AP/PTI

Attendees holding the national flag of Ukraine at St Peter's square during the Pope's weekly Angelus prayer on Sunday | AFP

### Zelenskyy evokes Holocaust

Jerusalem: Ukraine's president on Sunday called on Israel to take a stronger stand against Russia, in an emotional appeal that compared Russia's invasion of his country to the actions of Nazi Germany. President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said it was time for Israel, which has emerged as a key mediator between Ukraine and Russia, to finally take sides. He said Israel should follow its Western allies by imposing sanctions and providing arms to Ukraine.

### Deal is close, says Turkey

Turkey, which has tried to position itself as a mediator in the war because of strong ties to both Russia and Ukraine, said on Sunday the two sides were getting close to a deal in their ongoing talks to stop the war. "We see that the parties are close to an agreement," Foreign Minister Mevlut Cavusoglu said.

## 'US' Indo-Pacific strategy as dangerous as NATO expansion'

BEIJING

The US' Indo-Pacific strategy is as "dangerous" as NATO's eastward expansion in Europe resulting in Russia's military offensive against Ukraine, a senior Chinese diplomat has said.

"With the disintegration of the Soviet Union, NATO (North Atlantic Treaty Organisation) should have been consigned to history alongside the Warsaw Pact," China's Vice Foreign Minister Le Yucheng said while addressing the International Forum on Security and Strategy hosted by the Centre for International Security and Strategy of Tsinghua University on Saturday. "However, rather than breaking up, NATO has kept strengthening and expanding. One could well anticipate the consequences going down this path. The crisis in Ukraine is a stern warning," he said. Chinese officials say NATO's plans to admit Kyiv heightened Russia's insecurity resulting in President Vladimir Putin's military action against Ukraine. Ever since Russia began military operations in Ukraine, China, a close ally of Moscow, has been treading a fine line, declining to condemn it as an invasion.

> **Since NATO made a promise, it should not renege on its word and keep pushing its boundary eastward. The pursuit of absolute security actually leads to absolute insecurity**
>
> Le Yucheng, Vice Foreign Minister, China

"All sides need to jointly support Russia and Ukraine in having dialogue and negotiation that will produce results and lead to peace," Le said.

"One should not seek its own absolute security," said Le.

He is the former Chinese Ambassador to India and widely tipped to succeed the present Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi in this year's leadership reshuffle. *PTI*

### 115 CHILDREN DEAD SINCE FEBRUARY 24

The toll provided by Russia in early March said nearly 500 servicemen had been killed. The latest toll given by Ukraine on March 12 said some 1,300 of its troops had died. Ukraine is not providing a civilian toll, except for children, at least 115 of whom have died since February 24, as per figures released on Sunday.

## POPE SLAMS WAR AS 'SACRILEGE' & 'REPUGNANT'

VATICAN CITY

DENOUNCING Russia's 'repugnant war' against Ukraine as a 'cruel and sacrilegious inhumanity', Pope Francis on Sunday told thousands in St Peter's Square that every day brought more atrocities in a 'senseless massacre'.

In some of his strongest words yet since Russia's February 24 invasion, Francis said there was "no justification for this". He said this in an apparent reference to Russia, which sought to justify its invasion as vital for its own defence, but stopped short of naming Russia as the aggressor. Pontiffs typically have decried wars without citing warmongers by name. Francis also called on 'all actors in the international community' to work toward ending the war. *AP*

A rally taken out against Russia's invasion of Ukraine, near the Russian embassy in Seoul, South Korea, on Sunday | AP/PTI

### Hypersonic missile used again: Russia

Russia's defence ministry said on Sunday that Moscow had again fired its newest Kinzhal (Dagger) hypersonic missile, destroying a fuel storage site in the southern Mykolaiv region. The strike would mark the second time the sophisticated weapon was used in combat, a day after Russia said it used it to destroy an underground arms storage site in western Ukraine close to the border with NATO member Romania. Humanitarian conditions continued to deteriorate in the mostly Russian-speaking south and east of the country, where Russian forces have been pressing their advance, as well as in the north around the capital Kyiv. Aid agencies have warned they are struggling to reach hundreds of thousands of people trapped by the invading Russian forces.

## Yemen rebels strike Saudi facilities

DUBAI

YEMEN'S Houthi rebels unleashed a barrage of drone and missile strikes on Saudi Arabia that targeted key facilities including natural gas and desalination plants early Sunday, sparking a small fire at one site and temporarily cutting oil production at another.

The salvo marked the latest escalation in the rebels' attacks on the kingdom as the war in Yemen rages into its eighth year and peace talks stall.

The attacks did not cause casualties, the Saudi-led military coalition fighting in Yemen said, but damaged nearby civilian vehicles and homes.

In a separate incident, the coalition also said it destroyed a remotely piloted boat packed with explosives dispatched by Houthis in southern Red Sea. Hours after oil giant Aramco's CEO told reporters the attacks had no impact on oil supplies, the energy ministry acknowledged that a drone strike targeting the Yanbu Aramco Sinopec Refining Company caused 'a temporary reduction in the refinery's production.'

The disruption, coming as oil prices spike in an already-tight energy market, 'will be compensated for from the inventory,' the ministry said in a statement, without elaborating.

Another aerial attack later in the day struck a fuel tank at an Aramco distribution station in the port city of Jiddah and ignited a fire. The assaults came as Saudi Arabia's state-backed Aramco, the world's largest oil firm, announced its profits surged 124% in 2021 to $110 billion, a jump fuelled by anxieties about global supply shortages and soaring oil prices. Aramco, also known as the Saudi Arabian Oil Co., released its annual earnings after weeks of intense volatility in energy markets triggered by Russia's invasion of Ukraine. *AP*

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

I, the undersigned Counsel for petitioners filed case of petitioners i.e., **SYED MUSTHAFA** Vs. **The Commissioner, Births & Deaths, Bengaluru** before the 36th A.C.M.M. Bengaluru in **CRL.MISC.No. 1436/2022** about deceased death i.e., father to the petitioners named as **AMEER SAB S/o. BUDEN as he died on 06.01.1966 at No.49, Narayana Swamy Garden, J.C.Road, BENGALURU 560 002,** If anybody interested to file objection in this matter, attend before the court as above **on or before 18.04.2022**

**S. KALAVATHI,** ADVOCATE
No. 346, 2nd Main Road, Hebbal, Bengaluru-560024

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

This is to bring to the NOTICE of General Public that **DILIP KUMAR P.,** aged about 30 years, s/o. late. Puttasiddaiah, R/at 75/36, 10th Cross Road, 1st Main Road, Bharathi Layout, S.G. Palya, BANGALORE 560 029, intends to purchase the property bearing Site No. 115 bearing Municipal No. 2533 Old No. 1890 Block I with PID No. 31-1-505-115 Situated at No. 115, Block I, 3rd Cross Road, Kanakanagar, Channapattana Town, Ramanagara District, measuring East to West 12.19 meters, North to South 21.94 meters, in all measuring 267.66 square meters, along with RCC Roof Building consisting of 76.67 square meter in Ground Floor, which is morefully described in the schedule below, from its vendor/ **SAVITHRAMMA C.K w/o. Late. K. Ramegowda,** aged about 71 years, R/at 1890, 4th Cross Road, Kanakanagar, Sathanur Road, Channapattana Town, Ramanagara District, Ramanagara.

It is further submitted the **DILIP KUMAR P.,** is intending to purchase the schedule property, by availing Housing Loan from **LIC Housing Finance Ltd Bangalore.**

Any person or person/s, Government of Karnataka/ Block Development Officer/Tahasildar, Financial Institution/s/Co-operative Society Ltd/BDA/Statutory bodies/etc., having/asserting any right, title or interest/ claims or intending to oppose the disbursement of loan in purchasing the property /insists for NOC/etc., in any manner may file their objections to the undersigned within **10 (TEN) days** from the Publication of Notice hereof, along with documentary proof where after no such claims will be entertained.

**SCHEDULE PROPERTY**

ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL of Immovable Property bearing **Site No. 115** bearing Municipal No. 2533 Old No. 1890, Block I with PID No. 31-1-505-115, Situated at **No. 115, Block I, 3rd Cross Road, Kanakanagar, Channapattana Town, Ramanagara District,** Measuring East to West 12.19 meters, North to South 21.94 meters, in all measuring 267.66 square meters, along with RCC Roof Building consisting of 76.67 square meter of Ground Floor & bounded on the:

**East by : Property belongs to Byrashetty ; West by : property belongs to K.R. Sudha ; North by : Road & South by : Property belongs to Achuthamurthy.**

**MR. G.N. HARISH,** Advocate,
# 312, Ground Floor, 21st 'A' Cross,
VI Block, Jayanagar, BANGALORE - 560 082.

**CITY UNION BANK LIMITED**

**Credit Recovery and Management Department**
**Administrative Office :** No. 24-B, Gandhi Nagar, Kumbakonam - 612 001. **E-Mail id:** crmd@cityunionbank.in, **Phone:** 0435-2432322, **Fax:** 0435-2431746

**PUBLICATION - DEMAND NOTICE**

Notice under Section 13(2) of The Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 - Sent on **08-02-2022** by Registered Post with acknowledgment due and the same was **returned by all.** Hence this

**No.1) M/s. Shreyas Enterprises, At 64/100, Thirumalashettyhalli, Hoskote, Bangalore Rural District, Bangalore - 560067. No.2) Mr. N. Karthik, S/o. Mr. Narayana, At No.84, Hoskote Road, Thirumalashettyhalli Cross, Bangalore - 560067. Also at, Mr. N. Karthik, S/o. Mr. Narayana, At 64/100, Thirumalashettyhalli, Hoskote, Bangalore Rural District, Bangalore - 560067. No.3) Mrs. Shanthamma, W/o. Mr. Narayana, At No.84, Hoskote Road, Thirumalashettyhalli Cross, Bangalore - 560067.**

Dear Sir/ Madam

Sub: Loan account / Overdraft with **City Union Bank Limited, Bengaluru-White Field Branch** in the name of **M/s. Shreyas Enterprises.**

The Bank issued notice under the SARFAESI Act on **08-02-2022** calling upon Nos.1 to 3 of you jointly and severally towards the Loan Account 512120020033163 is **Rs.21,10,899/- (Rupees Twenty One Lakh Ten Thousand Eight Hundred and Ninety Nine Only),** Nos.1 to 3 of you jointly and severally towards the Loan Account 501812080063767 is **Rs.2,08,127/- (Rupees Two Lakh Eight Thousand One Hundred and Twenty Seven Only)** as on **06-02-2022** with further interest for 501812080063767 at **14.00%** plus **2.00%** penal interest p.a. (not compounded), 512120020033163 at **12.00%** plus **2.00%** penal interest p.a. (not compounded) with monthly rests from **07-02-2022** till the date of repayment. The Notice sent to you by Registered Post have been **returned by all.**

Therefore, we hereby once again call upon Nos.1 to 3 of you jointly and severally towards the Loan Account 512120020033163 is **Rs.21,10,899/- (Rupees Twenty One Lakh Ten Thousand Eight Hundred and Ninety Nine Only),** Nos.1 to 3 of you jointly and severally towards the Loan Account 501812080063767 is **Rs.2,08,127/- (Rupees Two Lakh Eight Thousand One Hundred and Twenty Seven Only)** with further interest for 501812080063767 at **14.00%** plus **2.00%** penal interest p.a. (not compounded), 512120020033163 at **12.00%** plus **2.00%** penal interest p.a. (not compounded) with monthly rests from **07-02-2022** till the date of repayment within 60 days from the date of this notice failing which Bank will be Constrained to exercise its rights of enforcement of security interest as against the secured assets given in the schedule hereunder. This Notice is published / issued without prejudice to any other right / remedy available to the Bank.

Note:- That our **234 - Bengaluru-White Field Branch** has also extended Financial Assistance (CUB OSL TERM EMI-BR: 501812080058158) Dated **21-11-2019** requested by No.2 of you for the facility for a Total Amount of **Rs.50,00,000/-** at a ROI of **12%** and the balance outstanding as on **06-02-2022** is **Rs.53,33,868/-.**

**Immovable Property Mortgaged to our Bank**

**Schedule - A: (Property Owned by Mrs. Shanthamma, W/o. Mr. Narayana)**

All that piece and parcel of the Property Bearing No.84/1, Old Identification No.205, Situated at Thirumalashettyhalli, Anugondanahalli Hobli, Hoskote Taluk, Bangalore Rural District, measuring (163 x 42) + (40 x 20) in all measuring 7,646 Sq.ft., carved out in 20 Guntas of Land Survey No.84/1 along with building and bounded on:- East by - Property belonging to Sri. Ramaiah, West by - Property belonging to Shivakumar and Ravikumar then 20 ft. Road, North by - Property Belonging to Smt. Anitha, South by - Property belonging to Sri. Prakashappa.

**Place: Kumbakonam, Date: 19-03-2022** **Authorised Officer**

**Regd. Office:** 149, T.S.R. (Big) Street, Kumbakonam, Thanjavur District, Tamil Nadu - 612 001, **CIN -** L65110TN1904PLC001287, **Telephone No.**0435-2402322, **Fax:** 0435-2431746, **Website:** www.cityunionbank.com

**LIC HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED**

15/1, Hayes Centre, Hayes Road, Bangalore -560025. Ph.: 080-43003651

**DEMAND NOTICE**

**NOTICE ISSUED UNDER SEC 13 (2) OF "THE SECURITIZATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIALASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002.**

The following persons whose names are mentioned in Col No.1, The details of properties mortgaged are shown in Col No.2. The borrower have defaulted in repaying the amounts due by them as shown in Col. No.3, in spite of repeated remainders, consequently these dues have been classified as NPA's as per RBI's guidelines . Notices were sent by Regd. Post to below mentioned date and that is returned / undelivered. Therefore the respective borrowers are hereby called upon to repay the outstanding amounts due mentioned against their names in Col No.3 within 60 days from the date of this publication, failing which LIC Housing Finance Ltd., would be constrained to initiate proceedings under sec.13 (4) of SARFAESI Act against the mortgaged properties mentioned hereunder against the respective loan A/cs to realize the amounts due to them.

| NAME OF THE BORRROWER &LOAN NO | DEMAND NOTICE DATE | NOTICE AMOUNT | DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERY |
|---|---|---|---|
| MR / MRS. DASARAHALLI VENKATAPPA JANARDHANA & MR / MRS. VEENA N<br><br>Loan A/c No. 411800002740 | 26.12.2019 | Rs. 1,11,92,190.22 | All that piece and parcel of Property bearing Khatha No. 69/6/1, Postal No.501, Property No.69/6, Form-B Property Register Extract Sl.No.3825/3499/69/6, situated at Dasarahalli Village, Krishnarajapuram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, now comes under the jurisdiction of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, BBMP Ward No.6, and measuring East to West : 95 Feet and North to South : 31 Feet in all measuring 2945 Square Feet and bounded on the :<br>**East By :** Remaining Portion of Property No. 69/6<br>**West By:** Government Road;<br>**North By :** Portion of Property No.69/6 belongs to Sri.G. Veeranna;<br>**South By :** Portion of Property No.69/6 belongs to Sri. Sonnappa<br>Together with 2722 Square Feet RCC roofed residential house consisting of Ground, First and Second Floor, with all civic amenities. |

**Place: Bangalore** **Sd/-Authorized Officer.**

Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav

**पावरग्रिड POWERGRID**

**NOTICE**

1. Approval under regulation-86 of CERC (Conduct of Business) Regulations' 1999 and CERC (Terms and Conditions of Tariff) Regulations' 2019 i) Truing up of Transmission tariff for 2014-19 tariff block and ii) Determination of Transmission tariff for 2019-24 tariff block for Petition-1: Transmission System associated with Kudankulam Atomic Power Project in Southern Region

2. The beneficiaries of the above mentioned Transmission system are:(a) KPTCL (b) APTRANSCO (c) KSEB (d) TNEB (e) Electricity Dept. of Goa (f) Electricity Dept. of Puducherry (g) APEDCL (h) APSPDCL (i) APCPDCL (j) APNPDCL (k) BESCOM (l) GESCOM (m) HESCOM (n) MESCOM (o) Chamundeswari Electricity Supply Corporation Ltd. (p) Transmission Corporation of Telangana Limited (q) TANGEDCO (r)TNTC

3. Tariff details: a) 2014-19 block — Rs. In lakhs

| Project | | 2014-15 | 2015-16 | 2016-17 | 2017–18 | 2018-19 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Combined Asset | Revised AFC based on truing up | 25180.22 | 24927.62 | 24814.95 | 24583.13 | 24570.32 |

b) 2019-24 Block — Rs. In lakhs

| Project | | 2019-20 | 2020-21 | 2021-22 | 2022-23 | 2023-24 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Combined Asset | AFC | 21863.78 | 21577.87 | 15833.19 | 16171.95 | 16985.06 |

4. A copy of the application made for determination of tariff is posted on the website of the applicant at **www.powergrid.in**.

5. The suggestions and objections, if any, on the proposals for determination of tariff contained in the application be filed by any person, including the beneficiary before the Secretary, Central Electricity Regulatory Commission, 3rd & 4th floor, Chandralok Building, Janpath, New Delhi - 110 001 (or other address where the office of the Commission is situated), with a copy to the applicant at the address of its corporate office within 30 days of publication of this notice.

**Place: Gurgaon** **Sd/-**
**Date: 15.03.2022** **Chief General Manager (Commercial)**

**POWER GRID CORPORATION OF INDIA LIMITED**
(A Government of India Enterprise)
**Registered Office:** B-9, Qutab Institutional Area, Katwaria Sarai, New Delhi 110 016
**Corporate Office:** Saudamini, Plot No. 2, Sector-29, Gurgaon, Haryana - 122 001
www.powergrid.in, CIN: L40101DL1989GOI038121

**A Maharatna PSU**

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**No.1) Mr. K. Malakondaiah, S/o. Mr. Narasaiah, At No.62/6, Shamanna Compound, Sakthi Nagar, Dooravani Nagar, Bangalore - 560016. No.2) Mrs. R. Ramanamma, W/o. Mr. K. Malakondaiah, At No.62/6, Shamanna Compound, Sakthi Nagar, Dooravani Nagar, Bangalore - 560016.**

Dear Sir/ Madam

Sub: Loan account / Overdraft with **City Union Bank Limited, Bengaluru-Whitefield Branch** in the name of **Mr. K. Malakondaiah.**

The Bank issued notice under the SARFAESI Act on **11-02-2022** calling upon Nos.1 & 2 of you jointly and severally towards the Loan Account 512120020003348 is **Rs.17,97,192/- (Rupees Seventeen Lakh Ninety Seven Thousand One Hundred and Ninety Two Only),** Nos.1 & 2 of you jointly and severally towards the Loan Account 501812080063768 is **Rs.1,86,345/- (Rupees One Lakh Eighty Six Thousand Three Hundred and Forty Five Only),** Nos.1 & 2 of you jointly and severally towards the Loan Account 501812080000107 is **Rs.13,81,575/- (Rupees Thirteen Lakh Eighty One Thousand Five Hundred and Seventy Five Only)** as on **07-02-2022** with further interest for 501812080000107 at **16.00%** plus **2.00%** penal interest p.a. (not compounded), 501812080063768 at **14.00%** plus **2.00%** penal interest p.a. (not compounded), 512120020003348 at **14.00%** plus **2.00%** penal interest p.a. (not compounded) with monthly rests from **08-02-2022** till the date of repayment. The Notice sent to you by Registered Post have been **returned by all.**

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**Immovable Property Mortgaged to our Bank**

**Schedule - A: (Property Owned by Mr. K. Malakondaiah, S/o. Mr. Narasaiah)**

All that piece and parcel of the Property Bearing Northern Portion of Site No.4, in Property No. 94/3, Khatha No.4/94/3, situated at Medahalli Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, comes under the Jurisdiction of BBMP Ward No.53, previously under the limits off K.R. Puram CMC, Ward No.13, Bangalore, measuring:- East to West : 30 ft., and North to South 20 ft., in all measuring 600 Sq.ft., and bounded on:- East by - 20 ft. Road, West by - Private Property, North by - Site No.3 belonging to Lakshmi Reddy, South by - Remaining Portion of same Site No.4 retained with the vendor.

**Place: Kumbakonam, Date: 19-03-2022** **Authorised Officer**

**Regd. Office:** 149, T.S.R. (Big) Street, Kumbakonam, Thanjavur District, Tamil Nadu - 612 001, **CIN -** L65110TN1904PLC001287, **Telephone No.**0435-2402322, **Fax:** 0435-2431746, **Website:** www.cityunionbank.com

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# Corporate vs LLP: what's for your biz?

Both choices offer similarities and distinctive features to run a small to large-sized business

GAURAV MOHAN

IF you are looking to start your own venture, it is important that you chose a suitable business model. There are quite a few options to select the best business model, yet the choice is usually between a Limited Liability Partnership (LLP) formed under the Limited Liability Partnership Act, 2008, and a Private Limited Company (PLC) formed under the Companies Act, 2013.

Both choices offer similarities and some distinctive features required to run a small-sized to large-sized Business. We are decoding the two models from the viewpoint of an Entrepreneur starting a new business venture.

**KEY DIFFERENTIATORS**

| PARTICULARS | LLP | PVT LTD CO. |
|---|---|---|
| Statutory Audit | Mandatory for Large LLPs beyond certain threshold limits. | Mandatory. |
| Annual Filing | Mandatory to file in form 8 & form 11. | Mandatory to file in form AOC 4 and MGT 7. |
| Ownership transferability | Can be transferred by executing the agreement. | Can be transferred and also restricted by AOA/ MOA. |
| Suitable to which types | MSME & SME | Large Businesses. |
| Debt from Director or a Relative | No restriction in LLP laws. | Stringent guidelines exist for debt under the Companies Act, 2013. |
| Debt from another Company | No restriction in LLP laws. | It can accept any amount of loan from any other Company, subject to the limit specified under section 180. |
| Loan From Banks & Financial Institutions | No restriction in LLP laws. | It can take any amount of loan from Banks & Financial Institutions, subject to the limit specified in section 180. |

**TAXABILITY: LLP VS PVT LTD CO.**

| PARTICULARS | LLP | PVT LTD CO. | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | 115BAA | 115BAB | Finance Act |
| Applicable on | All LLPs | All Domestic Companies | New Manufacturing Domestic Companies | All Domestic Companies |
| Applicable Tax Rate | 30% | 22% | 15% | 25% / 30% |
| Time to exercise the option | Not Applicable | Anytime | The company has to mandatorily opt for this option at the time of filing of its first return of Income | Not applicable |
| Restrictions | Not Applicable | Once the company chooses to opt for section 115BAA, then it will continue to be governed under this section for future years | Once the company chooses to opt for section 115BAB, then it will continue to be governed under this section for future years | No Such Condition |
| ESOPs Can be issued | Not Applicable | Permissible | | |
| Buy back of shares | Not applicable | Permissible | | |

### Registration Process and Legal Compliances

A private limited company is governed by the Companies Act, 2013 and it is privately held for small business owners. The liability of the members of a PLC is limited to the number of shares respectively held by them. Shares of PLC cannot be publicly traded.

LLP is governed by the Limited Liability Partnership Act, 2008 and the liability of the members of an LLP is also limited. In LLP there is a minimum of two partners required, and there is no limit on the maximum number of partners. On the other hand, every PLC must have a minimum of two members and two directors at all times. Also, the maximum limit allowed for members is 200 and directors is 15 in case of a PLC.

In both PLC & LLP, obtaining a digital signature certificate and Director identification number for proposed directors/ partners is must. The registration cost is cheaper relatively in LLP than PLC, and both entities require approximately 5-10 days for registration. There is no requirement of minimum share capital in case of LLP. However, every PLC involves an introduction of ₹1 lakh as the basic capital.

There is no requirement of the minimum board meeting for LLP, whereas a minimum of four meetings in a financial year are required with not more than 120 days gap in two board meetings for PLC.

### Taxation

Income earned by the LLP's are taxed at a flat rate of 30%, and the said tax rate would be further increased by a surcharge rate of 12%, if the total income of an LLP exceeds ₹1 crores. However, in case of a PLC, there are four different tax rates prescribed under the Income-tax laws -- 15%, 22%, 25% & 30%. For a private limited company, if the total turnover or gross receipts for the financial year 2019-20 does not exceed ₹400 crore, then the applicable tax rate is 25%, or else 30%. There is an additional surcharge of 7% or 12% if the total income exceeds ₹1 crore. If the total income exceeds ₹1 crore but less than ₹10 crore, the surcharge is 7%, otherwise the surcharge is 12%.

The reduced tax rate of 15% or 22% (plus 10% surcharge) will be applicable only in case of a 'New Domestic Manufacturing Company' or 'Other Domestic Companies' subject to the satisfaction of various specified conditions prescribed under the Income Tax Act.

In addition to the above tax rates, both PLCs and LLPs are required to ascertain the tax liability as per Minimum Alternate Tax (MAT) and Alternate Minimum Tax (AMT), respectively, each year. If the reduced tax rates of either 15% or 22%, as discussed above, are applicable to the PLC in that case the provisions of MAT are not applicable on the PLC.

A comparative chart reflecting the prescribed conditions for different tax rates in case of LLP & PLC are narrated as follows:

### Other Key differentiators

LLP is generally suitable for Start-ups and manufacturers and PLC for businesses having high turnover or required external funding or FDI. LLPs per se are not required to get their accounts audited annually, whereas for every PLC annual audits are mandatory.

LLP generally faces more significant challenges with legally acquiring permission to do business in other states, but PLCs, on the other hand, can easily operate their businesses in other states subject to the formalities of legally filing foreign business registration papers in such states. Forming LLP or PLC by business owners depends on the structure and type of Business.

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SOURAV ROY

# WHY ALL NEW INVESTORS SHOULD BE 'AWARE'

RAJAS KELKAR

THE Bombay Stock Exchange has hit a milestone of 10 crore investor accounts. A tweet by Ashish Chauhan, managing director and chief executive officer at the BSE, recently announced that the last one crore was hit in just 91 days. Many of you are now investing, taking a leap of faith in the stock market.

Young men and women are looking to make the most of the opportunities available. Many elderly, too, want to ride India's growth story. Overall, India probably has 8-9% of the population interested in the stock market. For years, a pet peeve of stockbrokers was that 80% of the demat or trading accounts see no activity. They have spent resources to map the journey of a dormant investor account.

It all begins with an initial excitement in the stock market. It lasts till the investor suffers their first loss. After digesting that first loss, a cautious approach leads to a gradual comeback. The activity level continues till they suffer another loss. At that moment, the investor account goes into a dormant status, never to get active again. A primary reason to invest is to beat inflation and generate wealth. You can do that by investing directly in equity shares or indirectly through mutual funds or exchange-traded funds.

There is a frenzy around the concept of stock market investing led by large fintech companies. Technology is a massive enabler, and it allows individuals to make choices. Those may be with the knowledge or without. There are many stock market universities online for you to learn about the basics of investing. Stockbrokers create them to tap new customers.

Knowledge as a tool for investing is a correct approach. The onus of enhancing your financial knowledge quotient is on you and not on the stockbroker through whom you invest. A stockbroker giving out knowledge will always have a motive to get you to trade regularly. They earn their income by distributing financial products to you. So does a bank, insurance company or a mutual fund.

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> Rajas Kelkar

### What can you do

A few basics could help at the start. You need to understand clearly the reasons to invest. If your objective is to generate wealth for your long-term goals, you are on track. You will hear many stories about how people quickly made money in the stock market. By buying and selling shares quickly, some people have made money and would do so in the future. However, that is not the norm.

A lot of people lose money within no time. You may want to ask those trading in a commodity like Nickel. Earlier this month, prices of the item surged 250% in a day, throwing the global commodity market out of gear. Russia's war on Ukraine triggered chaos, and many who had bet on short-term fall in nickel prices had to suffer losses that run into billions of dollars.

Equity markets are no different. When you buy equity shares, you are betting on the future profits the company would make. However, factors beyond the company's control could hurt share prices when you least expect.

Buying equity shares low and selling them high is easily said than done. That makes you a stock picker. However, the path to get there is not easy and is more often fraught with risks. You need the ability to manage risks. That depends on your confidence in your future income. If you are sure about a steady income, you can regularly invest in equity markets. Equity markets are the last place to enter if there is any income uncertainty. You cannot time the market without adequate knowledge. Even with a lot of knowledge, markets can go against you.

Investing directly in stocks without prior experience due to the fear of missing out (FOMO) is not good. Your investments can create wealth for you only if you can beat the average inflation rate in the economy over the years. For that, you need to know about asset allocation. Align your investments to your goals. The next step is to get a professional advisor to help you.

*(The author is editor-in-chief at www.moneyminute.in)*

## 10 crore

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MONEY-WISE

# GOING BIG ON LARGE AND MID CAP FUNDS

ASHOK KUMAR

RECENTLY I met a couple who wanted to invest in Equity Mutual Funds. They informed me that thus far they had always invested directly in Shares and despite following some business channels regularly and noting the 'advise' dispensed by 'experts' on these channels, ended up losing more often than gaining.

They further added that they bought only blue-chip stocks. On studying their portfolio, I found that their idea of a blue-chip included 'brand-names' which fell in the small-cap category as defined by SEBI. I felt that ideally, someone in the investment life-cycle stage of wealth consolidation like they were, would have been better served by building their pure equity portfolio around the category of Large and Mid-Cap Funds. These funds were introduced as a separate category of Equity Funds by SEBI in October 2017. As opposed to a pure large cap fund or a mid cap fund, these funds have the leeway to diversify their investments across a single fund.

A Large and Mid Cap Fund, by definition is a type of equity fund that invests at least 35% of its AUM in large cap stocks and another 35% in mid cap stocks with leeway to invest more thereafter in either category as well as in debt and money market instruments. As it is a pure equity fund, one must have a long-term investment horizon while investing in this category, since like all pure equity funds, its risk multiplies if targeted for short term investments.

Like other Equity funds, this category too is taxed at the rate of 10% for Long Term Capital Gains (LTCG) made on the sale of units priced at over ₹1 Lakh, and 15% for Short Term Capital Gains (STCG) if the units are sold within the time period of 1 year from the date of allotment.

These funds which effectively invest in the top 250 listed companies in terms of market capitaliaation have the combined features of Large Cap and Mid Cap Funds which offers relatively better stability, balance of risk and potential for higher returns in the long term.

The largest funds in terms of AUM in this category include SBI Large & Midcap Fund, ICICI Prudential Large & Mid Cap Fund, HDFC Large and Mid Cap Fund, Kotak Equity Opportunities Fund and Axis Growth Opportunities Fund.

In the next column, we shall focus on a few funds from this category that have performed satisfactorily over time frames of 1, 3 and 5 years respectively. In the meanwhile, the couple I mentioned at the start of this column have woken up to the categorisation of funds by SEBI and how it can be used to determine their Risk-Reward ratio.

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**TODAY'S STOCK PICK**

**APOLLO HOSPITALS**

Current Price ₹4,844

Target Price ₹5,630

We remain positive on AHEL as it is one of the leading beneficiaries in the Pharmacy segment due to its established back-end distribution as well as front-end. We expect 17% EBITDA CAGR over FY22-24E, led by a 21%/14%/13% sales CAGR in Pharmacy/AHLL/Hospital segment.

— Motilal Oswal Securities Limited

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# Suzuki Motor to invest ₹10,440 cr for EV production in India

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU
@ New Delhi

JAPAN'S Suzuki Motor Corporation (SMC) has signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the State of Gujarat to invest approximately 150 billion yen (approximately ₹10,440 crore) for local manufacturing of electric vehicles (BEV) and BEV batteries.

The MOU was signed on 19 March 2022 at India-Japan Economic Forum held in New Delhi in the presence of Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida and Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Fumio Kishida, who was on a two-day trip to India on Saturday had announced a 5 trillion yen ($42 billion) investment in India over the next five years during a meeting with Narendra Modi.

Toshihiro Suzuki, Representative Director & President, Suzuki Motor Corporation said, "Suzuki's future mission is to achieve carbon neutrality with small cars." He added, "We will continue active investment in India to realize Self-reliant India (Atma-nirbhar Bharat)."

Under the MoU, Suzuki Motor Corporation's wholly owned Suzuki Motor Gujarat Pvt Ltd (SMG) will invest ₹7,300 crore for the construction of battery plant near SMG's automobile manufacturing unit by 2026. SMG will invest another ₹3,100 crore for ramping up production capacity for EVs by 2025.

The signing of the MoU is a very important step for India's EV ambitions and for country's largest carmaker- Maruti Suzuki- as it marks its entry in the EV space. So far, SMC's India arm- Maruti Suzuki- has been criticised for being a late entrant as rival carmaker Tata Motors has launched multiple battery-run vehicles and other automakers such as Hyundai and MG Motor have an EV in their portfolio.

While it is not known when exactly Maruti Suzuki would start rolling out EVs in India, company's senior executives have previously stated that they won't see an EV launch at least till 2025.

FUEL PRICE HIKE

# Diesel price up by ₹25 per litre for bulk users; no change in retail prices

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

THE oil marketing companies on Sunday hiked the price of diesel by ₹25 per litre for a bulk users such as state bus fleets and malls and airports.

The hike is in line with a near 40% rise in international oil prices. However, there is no changes in retail prices, which means common people will not have any direct impact on the hike.

The price of diesel sold to bulk users, after hike is ₹122.05 per litre in Mumbai. This was ₹94.14 a litre price of the same fuel sold at petrol pumps.

In Delhi, diesel costs ₹86.67 a litre at the petrol pump, but for bulk or industrial users it is priced at about ₹115.

The petrol pump sales have jumped by a fifth this month after bulk users like bus fleet operators and Industrial users queued up at petrol pumps to buy fuel.

However, they are supposed to order directly from oil companies.

Thus, it was widening the losses of retailers like Nayara Energy, Jio-bp and Shell. It is believed that the wide difference of about ₹25 per litre between the bulk user rate and petrol pump price has prompted bulk users to refuel at petrol pumps rather than book tankers directly from oil companies.

The oil marketing companies have not hiked retail prices of petrol and diesel since November 4, 2021 despite a surge in global fuel prices. Many were in believed that prices were start hiking once the election in five states get over.

### Surge in sales at petrol pumps

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EXPRESS READ

### Govt may include crypto under GST law

New Delhi: The government is working on classification of cryptocurrency as goods or services under the GST law, so that tax can be levied on the entire value of transactions. Currently, 18% Goods and Services Tax (GST) is levied only on service provided by crypto exchanges and is categorised as financial services. GST officers are of the view that cryptos, by nature, are similar to lottery, casinos, betting, gambling, horse racing, which have 28% of GST on the entire value. Besides, GST at 3% is levied on the entire transaction value in gold.

### FMCG makers to go for around 10% price hike

New Delhi: Consumers may have to pay more for their daily essential items with FMCG companies mulling another round of price hike to offset the impact of an unprecedented level of inflation in commodity prices such as wheat, palm oil and packaging materials. Besides, the ongoing war between Russia and Ukraine has also added another blow to FMCG makers as they expect a rise in the prices of wheat, edible oil and crude. Companies such as Dabur and Parle are watching the situation and will undertake calibrated price hikes.

### EPFO adds 15.29 lakh subscribers in January

New Delhi: Retirement fund body EPFO added 15.29 lakh subscribers on a net basis in January 2022, an increase of over 21% compared to 12.60 lakh in December 2021, according to the latest payroll data. "The provisional payroll data of EPFO has been released today, i.e., 20th March 2022, which highlights that EPFO has added 15.29 lakh net subscribers during January 2022. Month-on-month comparison of payroll data also indicates an increase of 2.69 lakh net subscribers addition in January 2022, as compared to the net additions during the previous month of December 2021," a labour ministry statement said.

## Jehan opens F2 campaign with podium finish in Bahrain

Indian racer Jehan Daruvala opened his bid for his first Formula 2 title with a second-placed finish in the sprint race of the championship's first round. The 23-year-old, who races for Prema Racing and is a member of the Red Bull Junior team, had started fourth after qualifying seventh under the championship's reverse grid rules.

# THE FINAL HEARTBREAK

Axelsen a cut above in All England final but Lakshya has a lot to look forward to after positive run in recent outings

ANMOL GURUNG @ Chennai

HE has been the talk of the town for the last few months or so. Lakshya Sen, with his sharp rise, has been a revelation on court. With his ninja-like reflexes and powerful jump smashes, he has taken down some of the best in the business in recent months.

Viktor Axelsen (World No 1), Ander Antonsen (3), Anthony Ginting (5), Lee Zii Jia (7), Loh Kean Yew (9). These are some of the names that he has accounted for.

It's mighty impressive given that he's just 20 and still relatively a new face at the higher levels of the senior circuit. Considering his rich junior/youth days, him coming up with a colossal performance on a given day is not a huge surprise. But the performances that he has been delivering while rubbing shoulders with the big boys, having answers for everything that has been thrown at him, his mental fortitude and his problem-solving ability during critical periods of matches is what has been stunning. He fell short in the All England final against Axelsen, the Dane proving to be a cut above, a 21-10, 21-15 badminton clinic. The seasoned Dane hardly allowed Lakshya to breathe as the scoreline suggested. In fact, Lakshya, who won Worlds bronze last December, never really managed to rack up a series of consecutive points. Whenever he had a chance to kill a point, Dane's superb defensive skills rescued the situation. He also kept pulling Lakshya in all four directions with his variety down both wings. In the end, it was a bit like watching a master versus an apprentice. But that shouldn't deter Lakshya from what he has done over the last few months. He has gone from a former junior World No 1 to a place in the top 10 with both his physical and mental attributes playing a key role.

That alone promises a bright future. Late last year, he had his medal-winning aptitude during the Worlds. That outing, where he won bronze, bolstered his confidence levels, it is visible in his body language at present. This year he tasted success at the India Open, winning his first Super 500 title. More recently, he had taken down Ginting and Axelsen during his run to the final of the German Open (he eventually pocketed silver). Prakash Padukone Badminton Academy (PPBA) coach Sagar Chopda, someone who's seen Lakshya evolve as a player over the years, felt that the youngster has matured considerably in recent times and his ability to adjust his game, based on the situation, has helped him become a formidable player against elite opponents.

"Earlier, when he played against Viktor in Denmark (October, 2021), he lost very badly over there. What he has realised is he just can't keep hitting through these players from the very first point. He just can't keep playing an attacking game all the time. He has to be patient, he has to play long rallies and when he gets the chance, he has to go for the kill. That's exactly what he did in the last few matches," Chopda noted.

Taking that lesson in mind, he went on to participate in four European events. Even though he couldn't bring his A-game then, he was making the most of the opportunities, learning. It was a massive lift given that most shuttlers had been unable to get match-practice at the highest level due to travel restrictions because of the pandemic in 2020. Missing out on the Thomas Cup squad also spurred him on.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

EXPRESS READ

### ICC rates Bengaluru pitch as 'below average'

DUBAI: The Chinnaswamy Stadium pitch in Bengaluru, which was used for second Test between India and Sri Lanka earlier this month, was on Sunday rated "below average" by the ICC. India had defeated Sri Lanka by 238 runs in the Test which began on March 12 and ended inside three days. The venue thus received one demerit point under the ICC Pitch and Outfield Monitoring Process.

### India beat Argentina 4-3 in thriller

Bhubaneswar: Mandeep Singh scored a last-minute goal after drag-flicker Jugraj Singh's two penalty corner strikes as the Indian men's hockey team beat Argentina 4-3 in a drama-filled second match of its FIH Pro League tie and avenge its first leg shoot-out defeat. Jugraj scored in 20th and 52nd minutes after Hardik Singh struck in the 17th minute — that too from a penalty corner — before Mandeep deflected a long pass into Argentina goal with just 26 seconds left in the match.

### Rafa outlasts Alcaraz to go 20-0 this year

INDIAN WELLS: Rafael Nadal faced down the future and emerged victorious, outlasting Spanish teenager Carlos Alcaraz 6-4, 4-6, 6-3 to reach the BNP Paribas Open final and improve to 20-0 this year.

IPL 5 DAYS TO GO

## More questions than answers

The latest iteration of the Bangalore franchise is a departure from the norm — they have a better bowling attack — but there is a feeling of a wasted opportunity. A look at how they stand one week before the league begins.

**OVERRELIANCE ON KOHLI, FAF & MAXWELL**

Fourteen seasons and RCB's title cabinet still draws an empty look. Come the 15th edition, things do not look great. Spending almost ₹22 crores on just two players during the auction – Harshal Patel and Wanindu Hasaranga -- did not help their case as it restricted them from building a squad with several quality players. Even their batting, considered to be their strong point in the past, does not exude confidence especially due to the absence of AB de Villiers, who has retired from all forms. All eyes will be on Faf du Plessis, Virat Kohli and Glenn Maxwell, who have to deliver once every few days. However, their pace department is the strongest link with Josh Hazlewood, Harshal and Mohammed Siraj being proven performers.

**BATTING ORDER A BIG WORRY**

Lack of experienced Indian batters in the middle order could hurt the team. In fact one look at the squad, it is difficult to figure out their batting order, especially their number three and five. Ajay Rawat and Mahipal Lomror could feature in that role, but they are never going to instill fear among opponents. The problem does not end there as RCB needs to find a finisher. Once again, they do not have even have genuine options and hence might struggle at the fag end of the innings when there is a need of a quickfire 20-30 runs.

**TOUGH ROAD AHEAD**

Even on paper, they do not possess a great squad. There is a clear lack of depth. If they are to do well this season, Kohli and Maxwell need to bring back their 2016 and 2021 form respectively while skipper Du Plessis has to find a magic wand to bring the best out of everyone in the squad.

# Penalty glory for Hyderabad

MARTIN JOSEPH @ Kochi

IN a refreshing shift from the past few seasons, an Indian Super League (ISL) final became less about foreign stars and more about Indian footballers alongside one of the most remarkable redemption stories witnessed in recent times.

The night at the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium in Fatorda didn't belong to stars like Bartholomew Ogbeche or Adrian Luna. Instead, it belonged to Laxmikant Kattimani who was the shootout hero as Hyderabad FC broke Kerala Blasters' hearts by snatching a slice of history and winning their maiden ISL crown. The night was also owned by India's rising talent as a young Keralite with his hair dyed blue, a young goalkeeper whose stocks continue to rise and a midfielder slowly re-emerging after having fallen off the radar starred in a gripping storyline here.

Hyderabad FC players rejoice after winning the ISL title on Sunday | ISL

In what was an absorbing final on Sunday, India's U-17 World Cup star Rahul KP scored the opener for Blasters while Prabhsukhan Gill had another inspiring performance in goal with a string of stunning saves. With minutes left on the clock, Hyderabad midfielder Sahil Tavora struck one of the goals of the season as the two teams kept trading blows all night long until Kattimani produced a heroic performance to condemn Blasters to a third defeat in the final.

Over the years, Kattimani had become notorious for his often calamitous goalkeeping but the veteran keeper produced one of his most inspiring performances till date. For two seasons, the ISL was played inside a bio-bubble without spectators, but the gates of the Fatorda stadium were thrown open to the fans.

After a season where the teams braved bio-bubble fatigue, Covid-19 outbreaks within the camps and a lack of crowd support which is the lifeblood of any sport, it was last man standing. Midway through the season, when the Blasters camp was hit by Covid cases, their head coach Ivan Vukomanovic even exhorted that they didn't care about the football at that point.

However, his side soldiered on through the season to enter the final after a long gap of six years. Full story: newindianexpress.com

**CHAMPIONS**

Bank of Baroda defeated IBBC 21-9 in the men's 3x3 final to clinch the Bengaluru edition of the Indian National Basketball League here on Sunday. The winning team all smiles with BFI officials, including president K Govindaraj (3rd left standing) and secretary Chandermukhi Sharma (5th) among others

## Kadhe clinches singles title

BENGALURU: Fifth seed Arjun Kadhe of India completed a golden double after he wore the singles crown defeating second seed and compatriot Sidharth Rawat 6-3, 3-6, 6-1 in the final of the US $ 15000 SKME ITF Open which concluded at the KSLTA Stadium here on Sunday. The 28-year-old had won the doubles title yesterday and garnered a back to back ITF title after the win in Bhopal last Sunday where incidentally Rawat had finished as the bridesmaid. "Winning the first set was very important in these conditions," said Kadhe who opened up a 3-0 lead with a break in the second game. While Kadhe adopted an aggressive approach, Rawat played defensively and waited for his rival to make a mistake, which Kadhe didn't oblige most of the time. The rest of the games went with the serve as Kadhe took the first set at 3.


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**TENDER-CUM-AUCTION SALE NOTICE UNDER SARFAESI ACT 2002**

The following property/ies mortgaged to **City Union Bank Limited** will be sold in Tender-cum-Public Auction by the Authorised Officer of the Bank, under Rule 8 (6) & 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, under the SARFAESI Act, 2002, for recovery of a sum of **Rs.1,10,23,762/- (Rupees One Crore Ten Lakh Twenty Three Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty Two only)** as on **16-03-2022** together with further interest to be charged from **17-03-2022** onwards and other expenses, any other dues to the bank by the Borrowers / Guarantors **No.1) M/s. Sri Bhaskar Road Lines, No.50, 80 Feet Road, ITI Layout, Chandra Layout 1st Stage, Bengaluru - 560039. Also at M/s. Sri Bhaskar Road Lines, No.49, 2nd Cross, Kalasipalayam New Extension, Bangalore - 560002. No.2) Mr. Shantha Kumar, S/o. Devaraju, No.104, ITI Layout, Chandra Layout 1st Stage, Nayandahalli, Bangalore - 560039. No.3) Mrs. Shivamma, W/o. Devaraju, No.104, ITI Layout, Chandra Layout 1st Stage, Nayandahalli, Bangalore - 560039. No.4) Mr. Dhananjayya, S/o. Shivalingayya, No.104, ITI Layout, Chandra Layout 1st Stage, Nayandahalli, Bangalore - 560039.**

**Note :** That our **512-R.T. Nagar- Bangalore Branch** has also extended Financial Assistance (CUB OSL SPECIAL-BR : 501812080079857) dated **06-07-2021** requested by No.1 of you represented by No. 2 of you as Proprietor for which Nos.2 and 3 of you stood as Co-obligants for the facility for a total amount of **Rs. 25,00,000/-** at a ROI of **14.25%**. The same has been also classified as **NPA** on **17-09-2021** and the outstanding balance as on **16-03-2022** is **Rs. 27,70,462/-** plus further interest and penal interest of **2.00%** with monthly rests to be charged from **17-03-2022** till the date of realization.

**Immovable Properties Mortgaged to our Bank**
**(Properties Owned by Mr. Shantha Kumar, S/o. Devaraju)**

**Schedule - A :** All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing Katha No.377/373/33/1/325/1, Old No. 373/33/1, S.New No.325/1 Property Register No.377 in Sy.No.33/1 converted for Non-Agricultural Residential Purposes Vide No.B.Dis ALN(NY) SR 41/2009-10 dated **15-09-2009** by the Spl. Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, situated at Srigandhada kaval Village, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore, now coming under BBMP, measuring : East : 83 feet, West : 91.4 feet, North : 205.7 feet and South Side 193.1 feet and bounded as follows: East by : Road and Mallathahalli Border, West by : Remaining Land in Sy. No.33/1, North by : Land belonging to Suresh, South by : 30 feet Road in Sy No.33/2.

**Schedule - B :** 380.65 sq. feet of undivided Share right, title, interest in the Land Schedule - A Property. **Schedule - C :** Two Bedroom Apartment No. TF-311 in 3rd Floor of the Building known as "Adithya Residency" having super built-up Area of 1,275 sq. feet and one covered Car Parking Space bearing No. TF-311 with all amenities.

**Reserve Price: Rs.66,00,000/-**
**(Rupees Sixty Six Lakh only)**

**Schedule - B : (Property Owned by Mr. Shantha Kumar, S/o. Devaraju)**
All the piece and parcel of the Property bearing Site No.62, Assessment No. 21/1, BBMP Ward No.40, Situated at Andrahalli Village, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, within the limits of BBMP Bangalore, measuring : East to West 40 Feet and North to South 30 Feet in total measuring 1,200 Sq. Feet and bounded on : East by : Road, West by : Others Property, North by : Site No.63, South by : Site No.61.

**Reserve Price: Rs.43,00,000/-**
**(Rupees Forty Three Lakh only)**

**AUCTION DETAILS**

| Date of Tender-cum-Auction Sale | Venue |
|---|---|
| 27-04-2022 | City Union Bank Limited, Bengaluru - R.T. Nagar Branch, 590, HMT Layout, 4th Cross, R T Nagar, Bangalore - 560032. Telephone No.080-23337000, Cell No.9342855177 |

**Terms and Conditions of Tender-cum-Auction Sale:**
**(1)** The intending bidders should be present in person for the auction and participate personally and give a declaration in writing to the effect that he/she is bidding for himself / herself. **(2)** The intending bidders may obtain the Tender Forms from **The Manager, City Union Bank Limited, Bengaluru - R.T. Nagar Branch, 590, HMT Layout, 4th Cross, R T Nagar, Bangalore - 560032. (3)** The intending bidders should submit their bids only in the Tender Form prescribed in sealed envelopes addressed to **The Authorised Officer, City Union Bank Ltd.,** together with a Pay Order / Demand Draft for an EMD of **10%** of the Reserve Price, drawn in favour of **"City Union Bank Ltd.", on or before 12.00 Noon** on the date of Tender-cum-Auction Sale hereby notified. **(4)** For inspection of the property and other particulars, the intending purchaser may contact : **Telephone No.080-23337000, Cell No.9342855177. (5)** The property/ies are sold on "As-is-where-is", "As-is-what-is" and "whatever-there is" basis. **(6)** The sealed tenders will be opened in the presence of the intending bidders at **01.00 p.m.** on the date of Tender-cum-Auction Sale hereby notified. Though in general the sale will be by way of closed tenders, the Authorised Officer may, at his sole discretion, conduct an Open Auction among the interested bidders who desire to quote a bid higher than the one received in the closed tender process, and in such an event, the sale shall be conferred on the person making highest bid. The sale, however, is subject to confirmation of City Union Bank Limited. **(7)** The successful bidder shall have to pay **25% (inclusive of EMD paid)** of the sale amount **immediately** on completion of sale and the balance amount of **75%** within **15 days** from the date of confirmation of sale, failing which the initial deposit of **25%** shall be forfeited. **(8)** The Sale Certificate will be issued by the Authorised Officer in favour of the successful purchaser only after receipt of the entire sale consideration within the time limit stipulated herein. **(9)** The successful purchaser shall bear the charges / fees payable for conveyance, such as stamp duty, registration fee etc., as applicable under law. **(10)** The successful bidder should pay the statutory dues (lawful house tax, electricity charges and other dues), TDS, GST if any, due to Government, Government Undertaking and local bodies. **(11)** The Authorised Officer shall have all the powers to accept or reject the bids or postpone or cancel the sale without assigning any reason whatsoever.

**Place: Kumbakonam, Date: 19-03-2022** **Authorised Officer**

**Regd. Office :** 149, T.S.R. (Big) Street, Kumbakonam, Thanjavur District, Tamil Nadu - 612 001, **CIN -** L65110TN1904PLC001287, **Telephone No.** 0435-2402322, **Fax :** 0435-2431746, **Website :** www.cityunionbank.com



**VEERASHAIVA SAHAKARI BANK LTD.,**
**Administrative Office** : No. 1732/32, M.C.Road, M.C.Layout, Vijayanagara, Bengaluru-560040
Phone : 23307070 / 23358017 Fax : 23148550
E-mail : vsbbengaluru@gmail.com

**POSSESSION NOTICE**
(For Immovable Property) [rule 8(1)]

Whereas, the undersigned being the authorized officer of **Veerashaiva Sahakari Bank Ltd.,** Administrative Office No.1732/32, M.C.Road, M.C.Layout, Vijayanagara, Bengaluru-560040 under the **Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002** and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with rule 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 issued a demand notice dated 10-11-2021 calling upon the borrowers **Sri Satish Kumar B. and Sri B. Mohan Kumar** sons Late Bhadraiah N. to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date receipt of the said notice towards the loan facilities availed from our **Vijayanagar Branch.**

The borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers and the public in general, that the undersigned has taken possession of the properties described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him / her under Section 13 (4) of the said Act read with Rule 9 of the said Rule.

The borrowers in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the respective properties and any dealings with the properties will be subject to the charge of the **Veerashaiva Sahakari Bank Ltd.,** No. 1732/32, M.C.Road, M.C.Layout, Vijayanagar, Bengaluru-560040.

**Description of the Immovable Property**

1. **Name & Address of the Borrowers** : **Sri Satish Kumar .B** and **Sri B. Mohan Kumar** Sons of Late Bhadraiah.N B.G.Palya, Kalya Post, Kasaba Hobli, Magadi Taluk, Ramanagar Dist.
**Name & Address of the Guarantors** : **1. Smt. Vanajakshamma** W/o Late N.Bhadraiah **2. Smt. Hemalatha .R** W/o B.Satish Kumar gurantors 1 and 2 addresses as above **3. Sri Rudraswamy,** Head Master (Retd.) Sri Thontadarya Sanskrit School, Kanchugal Bandematt, Magadi Taluk, Ramanagar Dist.
**Loan A/c No.** : **MTLN / 323 and SURLN / 1869** (Vijayanagar Branch)
**Outstanding Balance** : **1) MTLN / 323 -** Principle Balance **Rs. 14,57,352/-** (Rupees fourteen lakh fifty seven thousand three hundred and fifty two only) as on 15-03-2022 and interest due **Rs. 53,785-00** (Rupees fifty three thousand seven hundred eighty five only) up to 28-02-2022 & further interest & other charges as applicable. **2) SURLN / 1869 -** Principle Balance **Rs. 71,030 /-** (Rupees Seventy one thousand and thirty only) as on 15-03-2022 and interest due **Rs. 4,935/-** (Rupees four thousand nine hundred and thirty five only) up to 28-02-2022 & further interest & other charges as applicable.
**Date of Demand Notice** : **10-11-2021 (Vijayanagar Branch)**
**Possession taken on** : **19-03-2022**
**Description of the Immovable Property :** All that part and parcel of the property bearing Municipal Khatha No. 203/1676/1570/1326, Kumbara Beedi, Ward No. 11, Doom Light Circle, Magadi Town, Ramanagar District-562120.
**Measuring** : **East to West : 21 feet and North to South : 35 feet, total 735 Sq.Ft, standing in the name of Borrower and bounded by :**
**East by** : Mangalore Clinic
**West by** : Residence of Smt. M.B.Gangambike
**North by** : Vacant Site belongs to M.B.Chandrashekar
**South by** : Government Road

***Sd/-***
*Authorised Officer*
**Veerashaiva Sahakari Bank Ltd.,**
Bengaluru-560 040

**Bengaluru**
**Date : 19-03-2021**



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(Government of Karnataka undertaking)
Corporate Office, MESCOM Bhavana, Bejai, Mangaluru-575 004
Phone: 0824-2885795 CIN: U40109 KA 2002 SGC 030425

**No. MESCOM-IT/ 130/ 2021-IT** **Date: 16.03.2022**

**SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION (Through E-Procurement Portal Only)**

MESCOM invites Short Term tender for Manufacture & Supply of following material:

| Tender No | Name of the Material proposed for Procurement | Quantity |
|---|---|---|
| MESCOM/2021-22/ IND799/Call-2 | Desktop Computers as per Specifications under Buy Back | 196 Nos |

The interested eligible bidders may log on to **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** on or after **21.03.2022.**

**Sd/- Superintending Engineer (Ele.) (Proc.), Corporate Office Mangaluru**

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**GUJARAT METRO RAIL CORPORATION (GMRC) LIMITED**
(SPV of Govt. of India and Govt. of Gujarat)
Block No.1, First Floor, Karmayogi Bhavan, Sector 10/A, Gandhinagar: 382010, Gujarat. (CIN): U60200GJ2010SGC059407
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**IFB No: GMRC/HH Rail/Surat/Ph-1/2022**
**Date : 21.03.2022**

Bids are invited from reputed and experienced Contractors for the following tender:

| Tender Name | Tender Fees |
|---|---|
| "Supply of 13092 MT UIC 60/60E1, 1080 Head Hardened Grade Rails as per the specifications for Surat Metro Rail Project Phase-I" | INR 25,000/- |

Interested bidders are requested to visit **https://gmrc.nprocure.com**, **www.gujaratmetrorail.com** and **http://afd.dgmarket.com** for eligibility criteria, applying / downloading the Bid document. **Last date and time for Bid Submissions is 15:00 Hrs. on 06-05-2022.**
Any alterations in Eligibility Criteria cum Qualification Requirements, and terms of the Tender Document, or any amendment to the Tender Document, etc, will be uploaded on **https://gmrc.nprocure.com** and GMRC's Website **www.gujaratmetrorail.com** without any obligation or press notification or other proclamation.

**Sd/-**
**Managing Director,**
**GMRC, Gandhinagar**



**ತುಮಕೂರು ಸಹಕಾರಿ ಹಾಲು ಉತ್ಪಾದಕರ ಸಂಘಗಳ ಒಕ್ಕೂಟ ನಿಯಮಿತ**
ರಾಷ್ಟ್ರೀಯ ಹೆದ್ದಾರಿ-206, ಬಿ.ಹೆಚ್. ರಸ್ತೆ, ಮಲ್ಲಸಂದ್ರ, ತುಮಕೂರು - 572 107.
ದೂರವಾಣಿ : 0816-2206464/2206533, ಫ್ಯಾಕ್ಸ್:0816-2207268, 2206760
ಇ-ಮೇಲ್ : tmuest77@gmail.com

ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: ತುಹಾಒ/ಸಿಬ್ಬಂದಿ-3/ಸಿಎಲ್-6(1)/2021-22 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 19-03-2022

**ಇ-ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ**

(ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಮಾತ್ರ)

ತುಮಕೂರು ಸಹಕಾರಿ ಹಾಲು ಉತ್ಪಾದಕರ ಸಂಘಗಳ ಒಕ್ಕೂಟವು ಈ ಕೆಳಕಂಡ ಕೆಲಸಗಳನ್ನು ಹೊರ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆ ಮೂಲಕ ನೋಂದಾಯಿತ ಅರ್ಹ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರ / ಏಜೆನ್ಸಿ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಗಳಿಂದ ದ್ವೈವಾರ್ಷಿಕ ಅವಧಿಗೆ ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ದ್ವಿ-ಲಕೋಟೆ ಪದ್ಧತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಇ-ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಕೆಲಸಗಳ ವಿವರ ಈ ಕೆಳಗಿನಂತೆ ಇರುತ್ತವೆ.
1) ಒಕ್ಕೂಟದ ಕೇಂದ್ರ ಕಛೇರಿ, ಪ್ರಧಾನ ಡೇರಿಯ ವಿವಿಧ ವಿಭಾಗ / ಶಾಖೆಗಳು, ಶೀಥಲ ಕೇಂದ್ರಗಳು, ಉಪಕೇಂದ್ರಗಳು ಹಾಗೂ ಇತರೆಡೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ವಿವಿಧ ಕೆಲಸ ಕಾರ್ಯಗಳನ್ನು ನಿರ್ವಹಿಸಲು ಹೌಸ್‌ಕೀಪಿಂಗ್ ಆಧಾರದಲ್ಲಿ ದ್ವೈವಾರ್ಷಿಕ ಅವಧಿಗೆ ಒಟ್ಟು 338 ಮಾನವ ಶಕ್ತಿ ಪೂರೈಕೆ ಮಾಡುವುದು – ಮಾನವಶಕ್ತಿ ಆಧಾರ.

| ಕ್ರ. ಸಂ. | ಇ-ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಸಮೂನೆಗಳನ್ನು ಪಡೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ | ಭರ್ತಿ ಮಾಡಿದ ಇ-ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ ಮತ್ತು ಸಮಯ | ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲಾದ ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ ಮತ್ತು ಸಮಯ | ಇ-ಟೆಂಡರ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ಸ್ಥಳ |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 21.03.2022 | 04.04.2022 ಸಂಜೆ 5.00 ಗಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ | 06.04.2022 ಬೆಳಿಗ್ಗೆ 11.00 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ | ಆಡಳಿತ ಮಂಡಳಿಯ ಸಭಾಂಗಣ, ಹೆದ್ದಾರಿ 206 ಮಲ್ಲಸಂದ್ರ ತುಮಕೂರು |

ಆಸಕ್ತಿಯುಳ್ಳ ನೊಂದಾಯಿತ ಅರ್ಹ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರು **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಅರ್ಜಿ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ. ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ವಿವರಗಳು ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಅರ್ಜಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಲಭ್ಯವಿರುತ್ತದೆ. ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಮಾಹಿತಿಗಾಗಿ ಮೇಲ್ಕಂಡ ಕಚೇರಿಯನ್ನು ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ. **ಸಹಿ/- ವ್ಯವಸ್ಥಾಪಕ ನಿರ್ದೇಶಕರು**



**(Public Works Department)**
**Executive Engineer, Chikkaballapura Division, Chikkaballapura.**

**Invitation for Short-Term Tender (I.F.T.)**
**No.: 54/2021-22 Date: 17.03.2022**

(For Road and Bridge Works – As per Standard Bidding Document K.W. – 1, 3 & 4 in single and two cover system)

On behalf of the Governor of Karnataka, as per Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Act 2000, the Undersigned invites Tenders in single and two cover system through e-procurement portal from eligible Contractors registered in PWD for works. Those interested in participating in the tender can submit the tenders from **19.03.2022 to 28.03.2022 up to 4.00 pm. (1)** Last date for objections-doubts and clarifications: **21.03.2022 (at 3.00 pm during office hours) (2)** Last date for submission of filled tenders: **28.03.2022 (up to 4.00 pm) (3)** Date of opening Financial Bid: **30.03.2022 at 11.00 am (Applicable only to works of Sl. No. 3 & 4) (4)** Date of opening Financial Bid after approval of Technical Bid: **02.04.2022 at 11.00 am (Applicable only to works of Sl. No. 1 & 2)** For more information visit website **www.kpwd.gov.in** or contact this office during office hours.

**Sd/- Thimmarayappa B.**
**Executive Engineer, P.W.D. Chikkaballapura Division, Chikkaballapura.**

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**No: SABVMCRI/E-TENDER/COM/15/2021-22** **Dated: 19-03-2022**

**TENDER NOTIFICATION**

Sealed e-tenders are invited by interested eligible firms in accordance with Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Act 1999 and Rules 2000 for **Procurement of Computer and Other Electronic Items for Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee Medical College & Research Institute, Bengaluru.** Tenders may be submitted after viewing details regarding tender form, EMD and Terms & Conditions etc. at Website: **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in.** DD for **Rs. 10,000/-** towards tender processing fee (Non-refundable) shall be submitted in favour of The **Director Cum Dean, SABVMCRI, Bengaluru** and acknowledgment thereof shall be enclosed along with e-tender. Interested tenderers should register in e-Procurement Portal. Details required for registration may be viewed at website. For further details please contact e-mail: **sabvmcri@gmail.com** and Phone No: **+91 8431186388.**

**1)** Date of Downloading Tender Documents is **from 22-03-2022. 2)** Last Date for Online Queries: **11-04-2022 upto 4.00 PM. 3)** Last date and time for Uploading of Tenders: **21-04-2022 upto 4.00 PM. 4)** Date of Opening Technical Tenders: **22-04-2022 at 10.30 AM.**

In case, if further details are required in this regard, please contact the Director Cum Dean / Assistant Administrative Officer of this institute during working days.

**Sd/- Director Cum Dean**
**SABVMCRI, Bengaluru.**

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### RE-TENDER-CUM-AUCTION SALE NOTICE UNDER SARFAESI ACT 2002

The following property/ies mortgaged to **City Union Bank Limited** will be sold in Re-Tender-cum-Public Auction by the Authorised Officer of the Bank, under Rule 8 (6) & 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, under the SARFAESI Act, 2002, for recovery of a sum of **Rs.1,33,73,087/- (Rupees One Crore Thirty Three Lakh Seventy Three Thousand and Eighty Seven only)** as on **04-01-2022** together with further interest to be charged from **05-01-2022** onwards and other expenses, any other dues to the Bank by the borrowers / guarantors **No.1) M/s. HKGN Silk Traders, 15/3/17, Mothi Nagar, Ramanagara - 562159. No.2) Mr. Afsar Ali Baig, S/o. Nazeer Ali Baig, No.2914, 16th Ward, Mothi Nagar Mohalla, Ramanagara - 562159. No.3) Mrs. Ayesha Begum, W/o. Afsar Ali Baig, No.2914, 16th Ward, Mothi Nagar Mohalla, Ramanagara - 562159.**

Note : 1) That our **198-Bengaluru-Ramanagara Branch** has also extended Financial Assistance (CUB OSL SPECIAL-BR : 501812080078759) dated **29-03-2021** requested by No.1 of you represented by No. 2 of you as Proprietor for which Nos. 2 and 3 of you stood as Co-obligants for the facility for a total amount of **Rs. 28,50,000/-** at a ROI of **13.50%.** The same has been also classified as **NPA** on **02-04-2021** and the outstanding balance as on **04-01-2022** is **Rs. 31,91,395/-** plus further interest and penal interest of **2.00%** with monthly rests to be charged from **05-01-2022** till the date of realization.

2) That our **198-Bengaluru-Ramanagara Branch** has also extended Financial Assistance (FITL - ADHOC : 501912090015753) dated **31-08-2020** requested by No.1 of you represented by No. 2 of you as Proprietor for which Nos. 2 and 3 of you stood as Co-obligants for the facility for a total amount of **Rs. 5,85,000/-** at a ROI of **11.5%.** The same has been also classified as **NPA** on **02-04-2021** and the outstanding balance as on **04-01-2022** is **Rs. 6,73,392/-** plus further interest and penal interest of **2.00%** with monthly rests to be charged from **05-01-2022** till the date of realization.

**Immovable Properties Mortgaged to our Bank**
**(Properties Owned by Mr. Afsar Ali Baig, S/o. Nazeer Ali Baig)**

All that piece and parcel of Residential Property bearing Municipal Khatha No.186/173/2914, East to West 60 feet, North to South 14 feet, totally measuring 840.00 Sq.feet situated at Ward No.16, Mothi Nagar Mohalla, Ramanagara. Bounded on : East by : Road, West by : Mothi Nagar Main Road, North by : Property of Firoz Pasha, South by : Property of Applicant Afsar Ali Baig and Shakhila Jaan.

All that piece and parcel of Residential Property bearing Municipal Khatha No.172/2913, East to West 30 feet, North to South 12 feet, Totally measuring 360 Sq.Ft. of land situated at Ward No.16, Mothi Nagar Mohalla, Ramanagara. Bounded on the : East by : Remaining property of Shakira Jaan and Peer Baig in same, West by : Municipal Road, North by : Property of Nazeer Ali Baig, South by : Conservancy.

**Reserve Price : Rs.1,20,00,000/-**
**(Rupees One Crore Twenty Lakh Only)**

**RE-AUCTION DETAILS**

| Date of Re-Tender-cum-Auction Sale | Venue |
|---|---|
| 19-04-2022 | **City Union Bank Limited, Bengaluru-Ramanagara Branch,** B.M.Road, 316, I Stage, Near Bus Stand, Bangalore-Mysore Main Road, Ramanagara, Bangalore Rural - 571511. Telephone No.080-27276688, Cell No.9379511195. |

**Terms and Conditions of Re-Tender-cum-Auction Sale :**

**(1)** The intending bidders should be present in person for the auction and participate personally and give a declaration in writing to the effect that he/she is bidding for himself/herself. **(2)** The intending bidders may obtain the Tender Forms from **The Manager, City Union Bank Limited, Bengaluru-Ramanagara Branch, B.M.Road, 316, I Stage, Near Bus Stand, Bangalore - Mysore Main Road, Ramanagara, Bangalore Rural - 571511. (3)** The intending bidders should submit their bids only in the Tender Form prescribed in sealed envelopes addressed to **The Authorised Officer, City Union Bank Ltd.,** together with a Pay Order / Demand Draft for an EMD of **10%** of the Reserve Price, drawn in favour of **"City Union Bank Ltd.", on or before 02.00 p.m.** on the date of Tender-cum-Auction Sale hereby notified. **(4)** For inspection of the property and other particulars, the intending purchaser may contact **Telephone No.080-27276688, Cell No. 9379511195. (5)** The property/ ies are sold on "As-is-where-is", "As-is-what-is" and "whatever-there is" basis. **(6)** The sealed tenders will be opened in the presence of the intending bidders at **03.00 p.m.** on the date of Tender-cum-Auction Sale hereby notified. Though in general the sale will be by way of closed tenders, the Authorised Officer may, at his sole discretion, conduct an Open Auction among the interested bidders who desire to quote a bid higher than the one received in the closed tender process, and in such an event, the sale shall be conferred on the person making highest bid. The sale, however, is subject to confirmation of City Union Bank Limited. **(7)** The successful bidder shall have to pay **25% (inclusive of EMD paid)** of the Sale amount **immediately** on completion of sale and the balance amount of **75%** within **15 days** from the date of confirmation of sale, failing which the initial deposit of **25%** shall be forfeited. **(8)** The Sale Certificate will be issued by the Authorised Officer in favour of the successful purchaser only after receipt of the entire sale consideration within the time limit stipulated herein. **(9)** The successful purchaser shall bear the charges/fees payable for conveyance, such as stamp duty, registration fee etc., as applicable under law. **(10)** The successful bidder should pay the statutory dues (lawful house tax, electricity charges and other dues), TDS, GST if any, due to Government, Government Undertaking and local bodies. **(11)** The Authorised Officer shall have all the powers to accept or reject the bids or postpone or cancel the sale without assigning any reason whatsoever.

**Place : Kumbakonam, Date : 19-03-2022** **Authorised Officer**

**Regd. Office :** 149, T.S.R. (Big) Street, Kumbakonam, Thanjavur District, Tamil Nadu - 612 001, **CIN -** L65110TN1904PLC001287, **Telephone No.** 0435-2402322, **Fax :** 0435-2431746, **Website :** www.cityunionbank.com

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**श्रीहरिकोटा / नेल्लूर (जिला), आं.प्र./ SRIHARIKOTA - 524124**

### संक्षिप्त ई–निविदा सूचना / Brief E-TENDER NOTICE

**ई–निविदा सूचना सं./ e-Tender Notice No.CMG/C/T 218722,H 218724** **तिथि/ Date. 14.03.2022**

भारत के राष्ट्रपति की ओर से, एसएमपीसी यूनिट-1 में "एएसएलपी (सिविल एवं सडक कार्य) के अंतर्गत सीजीएस सुविधा का संवर्धन" (अनुमानित लागत ₹256 लाख); 2.5 टन ऊर्ध्वाधर मिश्रण सुविधा, 4.5 टन ऊर्ध्वाधर मिश्रण सुविधा, प्रणोदक यांत्रिकी सुविधा, प्रणोदक निपटान मंच (एएसएमपी भवनों),के कंगूरों में मिट्टी भरने, एनडीटी मेरलों पर पूर्व निर्मित स्लैब लगाने और नोदक निपटान मंच का निर्माण।"(अनुमानित लागत ₹144 लाख)"; हेतु मद दर ई–निविदाएं आमंत्रित हैं। निविदा दस्तावेज 05.04.2022 को 14:30 बजे तक डाउनलोड किए जा सकते हैं। विस्तृत सूचना हेतु इच्छुक निविदाकार हमारी वेबसाइट **www.isro.gov.in** या **www.tenderwizard.com/ISRO** देखें।

On behalf of President of India, Item Rate tenders are invited through e-tendering for "Augmentation of CGS facility under ASLP" (Civil & Road Works) (₹256 Lakhs); "Providing Gravel Topping over Merlons of 2.5T Vertical Mixer facility, 4.5T Vertical Mixer Facility, propellant Machining Facility, Propellant disposal bed (ASMP Buildings), earth filling in Merlons of propellant disposal bed, Precast Slabs pitching over NDT Merlons and Construction of propellant disposal bed in SMPC Unit-1" (₹144 lakhs); Tender documents can be downloaded up to 05.04.2022, 14:30hrs. Interested tenderers may visit **www.isro.gov.in** or **www.tenderwizard.com/ISRO** for details.

हस्ताक्षरित- समूह प्रधान, सीएमजी / एसडीएससी शार / **Sd/- GROUP HEAD, CMG / SDSC SHAR**

## SBI State Bank of India

**SARB Thane(11697) Branch :** 1st floor Kerom Plot no A-112 Circle, Road No 22 Wagle Industrial Estate, Thane (West) 400604 **email id** sbi.11697@sbi.co.in

### DEMAND NOTICE

A notice is hereby given that the following Borrower/Guarantors have defaulted in the repayment of principal and interest of the loans facility obtained by them from the Bank and the loans have been classified as Non-Performing Assets (NPA). The notices were issued to them under Section 13(2) of Securitization and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 on their last known addresses, but they have been returned unserved and as such they are hereby informed by way of this public notice.

| Name & address of the Borrowers/ Guarantors | Details of Properties / Address of Secured Assets to be Enforced | 1) Date of Demand Notice 2) Date of NPA 3) Amount outstanding |
|---|---|---|
| **(1) Mr. Vishal Sadashiv Karale** [Legal Heir of Late Asmita V. Karale (Borrower and Mortgager)]<br>(a) 15, First Floor, Sathyanarayana, HSBC Layout, Mahalaxmipuram, Bangalore - 560086<br>(b) Flat No. 306 & 307, 3rd Floor, Shubhshree Apartment, Near Railway Gate, Besides Shivkrupa Drip Agency, Takli Vinchur, Lasalgaon, Tal – Niphad, Distt – Nashik - 422306<br>(c) Flat No. 407 & 408, 4th Floor, Shubhshree Apartment, Near Railway Gate, Besides Shivkrupa Drip Agency, Takli Vinchur, Lasalgaon, Tal – Niphad, Distt – Nashik - 422306<br>(d) Ambika Nagar, Deolali Pravara, Tal-Rahuri, Distt – Ahmednagar – 413716<br>(e) Flat No. 4214, Tower 4, Block 2, Prestige West Woods, Gopalpuram Magadi Road, Bangalore 560023<br>**(2) Miss. Avanti Vishal Karale (Minor)** (Legal Heir of Late Asmita V. Karale Through Guardian Vishal Sadashiv Karale)<br>(a) Flat No. 4214, Tower 4, Block 2, Prestige West Woods, Gopalpuram Magadi Road, Bangalore 560023<br>(b) 15, First Floor, Sathyanarayana, HSBC Layout, Mahalaxmipuram, Bangalore - 560086<br>(c) Ambika Nagar, Deolali Pravara, Tal-Rahuri, Distt.Ahmednagar – 413716<br>**(3) Miss. Vedanti Vishal Karale (Minor)** (Legal Heir of Late Asmita V. Karale, Through Guardian Vishal Sadashiv Karale)<br>(a) 15, First Floor, Sathyanarayana, HSBC Layout, Mahalaxmipuram, Bangalore - 560086<br>(b) Ambika Nagar, Deolali Pravara, Tal-Rahuri, Distt. Ahmednagar– 413716<br>© Flat No. 4214, Tower 4, Block 2, Prestige West Woods, Gopalpuram Magadi Road, Bangalore 560023 | **1.** Flat No. 407 and 408 on 4th floor, in Shubhshree Apartment, Near Railway Gate, Beside Shivkrupa Drip Agency, On Chandwad Road, at Takli, Vinchur, Lasalgaon, Taluka : Niphad, District : Nashik, **Buildup Area 1295.00 Sq Ft,Property owned by Mrs. Asmita V. Karale.**<br>**2.** Flat No. 306 and 307 on 3rd floor, in Shubhshree Apartment, Near Railway Gate, Beside Shivkrupa Drip Agency, On Chandwad Road, at Takli, Vinchur, Lasalgaon, Taluka : Niphad, District : Nashik, **Buildup Area 1295.00 Sq Ft, Property owned by Mrs. Asmita V. Karale** | **1) 10.03.2022**<br>**2) 15.04.2021**<br>**3) Rs.48,73,845.00** (Rupees Forty eight lakh seventy three thousand eight hundred forty five only) as on 10.03.2022 with further interest and incidental expenses, costs etc.) |

The steps are being taken for substituted service of notice. The above Borrower(s) and /or their Guarantor(s) (whenever applicable)are hereby called upon to make payment of outstanding amount within 60 days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which further steps will be taken after expiry of 60 days from the date of this notice under sub-section (4) of Section 13 of Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security interest Act, 2002.

**Date : 21.03.2022**
**Place : Thane**

**Sd/-**
**Authorized Officer**
**State Bank of India ,SARB Thane**

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**IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU**
**Notice to the Proposed Impleading Respondent No.4**
**Vide order date: 07-03-2022**
**R.F.A. No. 1410/2012**

**Sri M. Govindaraju** (By Sri. Janardhana G, Adv., for appellant) ... **Appellant -V/s-**
**Sri V Jagadeesh** & Ors., ...**Respondent/s**
(By Sriyuths: Umesh B.N, Adv., for R-1 to R-3 (Noc given in R/o R-1) B.R Srinivasa Gowda, Adv., for R-1 (Noc VK Filed))

**To, Proposed Impleading Respondent:**
**04. SRI GUNA SHEKAR M** S/o SRI K.N MURUGAN R/AT NO.7, SREE SATHYA SAI RAM NILAYA, 8TH CROSS, SHANTHI LAYOUT, RAMAMURTHY NAGAR, BENGALURU - 560016.

Appeal from the Judgment & Decree dated: 02.07.2012 passed in OS. No. 15898/2006 on the file of the XXVIII Addl. City Civil Judge, Mayohall Unit, Bengaluru.

Notice is hereby given to you to appear in this court either in person or through Counsel duly instructed or through some one authorized by law, to act for you in the above appeal on **11.04.2022** in case you intend to contest the appeal. If you fail to appear, the same will be dealt with, heard and decided in your absence.

Issued under my hand and the seal of this court on 17-03-2022.

By order of the Court, Assistant Registrar, High Court of Karnataka, Bengaluru.

### PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform General Public, my Client **VEDAVATHI GANESH HEGDE,** aged about 65 years, W/o Late Ganesh Hegde, residing at No. 178, 4th Cross, 41st Main, BTM 2nd Stage, Bangalore-560068 and owner of the Property bearing No. 178, 4th Cross, 41st Main, BTM 2nd Stage, Bangalore - 560068, measuring East to West 50 feet and North to South 30 feet in all 166.66 Square Yards and bounded on ; East by : Private Property, West by : Road, North by : Site No. 177, South by : Site No. 179.

My client hereby declare the above said property schedule property Sale Deed registered as document No.3857/1988-89, dated 30-01-1989 and related documents Viz : possession certificate, allotment letter and Khatha certificate are misplaced / lost within the limits of Mico Layout, Bangalore. In this behalf a complaint has been registered on 16-03-2022, vide Serial No. 183633, Lost Report No. 0183633/2022, and after thorough search they have not been able to trace out the original sale deed document and as such through this Public Notice they have confirmed that the above said original sale deed document and related documents has been lost.

My client has lodged police complaint in this behalf and if anybody finds / traces the said original sale deed document, it is requested to contact and handover the same to the under signed immediately and the finder will be suitably rewarded.

**SHIVANNA,** Advocate
No.24, 12th Main Road, 4th Block East, Jayanagar, (Near Sub-Registrar Office), BANGALORE-560 011. Ph: (M) 9901507257
Bangalore, Date: 16.03.2022

### PUBLIC NOTICE

This is bring to the public notice that, as per our client Mr. Xavier Richards S/o. Late Xavier, Residing at No. 49, Guptha Layout, 3rd Main, S.B.B. Spring Apartment, Saraipalya, Thanisandra Main Road, Dr. S.R.K. Nagar Post, Bangalore-560077, that the mentioned schedule property was acquired by Mr. Sagaydass. X and solely belongs to him. In his life time he did not execute any right to any person in respect of the schedule property. Mr. Sagaydas was unmarried. he was preaching in church during his lifetime. He was expired on 05-09-2019. After his demise without knowing to my client knowledge some third persons are indulging in creating fake documents and trying to sell to other persons. This came to my client's knowledge that they have already created a duplicate WILL illegally. My client states that if any persons are indulging in any illegal activities to dispose the schedule property, they are doing so on their own risk and consequences. Any transactions if any taken place only by Mr. Sagaydas X family members including his mother, brother and sisters. If any persons are interested to challenge this public notice they may contact the undersigned within 7 days at the address mentioned below with all relevant documents.

**SCHEDULE**

All that piece and parcel situated **(1)** Site No.7A, Sy. No. 62/1, Lingarajapuram, Bangalore. **(2)** New No. 22, 16th Cross, Jai Bharath Nagar, Maruthi Sevanagar, Bangalore-560033. **(3)** Site No. 2 and 3, Katha 3/2/2,and Katha No. 3/2/3 Byrathi Village, K.R.Puram, Bangalore Hennur Banda Behind St. Peters Coffin Box Shop, Oddara Palya Road, Hennur Cross, Bangalore.

Sd/- **Sanjeev Rao .S,** Advocate
Prabhath Complex,
1st Floor, No. 340, No.8, K.G.Road,
Bangalore-560009. Mobile : 9880721307
ssanjeevrao82@gmail.com

**IN THE COURT OF THE ADDL CHIEF METROPOLITAN MAGISTRATE AT BANGALORE**
**C. MISC. No. 337/2022**

**BETWEEN: 1) RAJA REDDY** S/o ASHWATH REDDY, aged about 49 years ... **PETITIONERS**
**AND: The Tahsildhar,** Registrar of Birth & Deaths K.R. PURAM, BENGALURU. ... **RESPONDENT**

**NOTICE**

WHEREAS, the petitioners named above have filed the petition requesting to pass an order of direction to Respondent authority to issue the Death Certificate of Deceased, who is the Mother to the petitioners, wife to the petitioner No. 6 named as **SMT. MUNITHAYAMMA, W/o ASHWATH REDDY** as she died on **24.09.2020** at East Point Hospital, Bidrahalli, Virgonagar Post, BENGALURU, is required for the documentation purpose/Katha transfer and to maintain family statusquo, the same will be published in English News paper and Kannada News paper.

Any person interested in this matter, may appear before the above court on or before **20-04-2022.**

Given under my hand & the seal of this court on 17-03-2022.

By order of the Court, Sheristedar, Court of Chief Judicial Magistrate, Bengaluru.

**IN THE COURT OF THE ADDITIONAL CIVIL JUDGE AND JMFC (JR.DN) AT DEVANAHLLI**
**Crl. Misc. No.15/2022**

Between: - Smt. Sosamma Chacko and others ... **Petitioners**
And:
The Tahsildar, Yelahanka ... **Respondent**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

I the undersigned advocate on behalf of my clients Sosamma Chacko W/o Late M.J.Chacko, aged about 83 years, R/at: No.299, 19th Main, 6th Block, Koramangala, Bengaluru -560095 and others have filed the above petition for the death certificate of one Late M.J.Chacko who died on 01.01.2012 at Hunasemaranahalli village, near BSF, New Airport Road, Bengaluru-560064. If any parties who have objections may dispute regarding the same can appear before the Hon'ble Additional Civil Judge and JMFC at Devanahalli and the date of hearing on **.06/04/2022 at 11.00 A.M.** in C.Mis No.15/2022.

Thanking You

By the order of this Hon'ble court
**Sd/- Chief Ministrial Officer**
Civil Judge & JMFC Court, Devanahalli

Address for service:
**Sri Praveen.J** Advocates Office at:- #27/1, Ground Floor, Chandralok Apartment, 5th Cross, Gandhinagara, Bengaluru -560009

**IN THE COURT OF THE PRL.CIVIL JUDGE and J. M.F.C. AT NELAMANGALA.**
**Criminal Miscellaneous Petition No.42/2022**

1. **Sri. Munikempaiah,** s/o Chikkakempaiah, Aged about 86 years, 2. **Smt. Lakshmamma** D/o Munikempaiah, Aged about 48 years, 3. **Sri. Siddappa** S/o Sri. Siddappa, Aged about 47 years, 4. **Sri. Shivanna** S/o Chikkakempaiah, Aged about 46 years, 5. **Smt. Siddamma** D/o Sri. Chikkakempaiah, Aged about 45 years, 6. **Sri. Revanna** D/o Sri. Chikkakempaiah, Aged about 43 years, 7. **Sri. Chikkarevanna** S/o Sri. Chikkakempaiah, Aged about 43 years, 8. **Sri. Kemparaju** S/o Sri. Chikkakempaiah, Aged about 42 years, 9. **Sri. Venkatalakshmi** D/o Chikkakempaiah, Aged about 41 years, 10. **Sri. Nandish** S/o Siddappa, Aged about 29 years, 11. **Sri. Uday** S/o Siddappa, Aged about 27 years, 12. **Kumari. Pavithra** D/o Revanna, Aged about 18 years, 13. **Master Chandan Kumar** S/o Revanna, Aged about 16 year, since minor represented By his father and natural guardian Sri. Revanna. All are R/at K. G. Lakkenahalli village, Lakshmipura post, Dasanapura Hobli, Bengalore North Taluk. ...**Petitioners.**

**Versus**

The Chief Registrar of Births and Deaths /The Tahsildar, Bengaluru North Taluk, Kandaya bhavana, K.G. Road, Bengaluru-560001. ...**Respondent**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Whereas, the Petitioners named above have filed the above petition under Section 13 of Registration of Births and Death Act 1969 for order seeking' direction to the Tahsildar, Bengaluru North Taluk, Bengaluru, Registrar of Birth and Deaths Bengaluru North, to register the death of the deceased who is father and Grandfather of the Petitioners namely Chikkakempaiah S/o Gangaiah, was died on 28/05/1980 at K.G. Lakkenahalli village, Dasanapura Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, Bengaluru District and issue the direction accordingly for the death certificate.

This Hon'ble Court has fixed on 15/4/22 for hearing of the Petition and that if any person/s to oppose the said petition or claim or interest shall appear before the Hon'able court or by pleader duly instructed at 11.00 a.m. failing which, the said application will be heard and determined as ex-parte.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Hon'ble Court this 15th day of March 2022.

By Order Of The Court
**Sd/- Chief Ministrial Officer**
Court of the Civil Judge Junior Division and JMFC Nalamangala

Advocate for Petitioner
**Thimmanna,** Advocate,
No. 87, 3rd Main Road, Annapoorneshwari Layout, Ullal Main Road, Jnanabharathi, Bengaluru-560056.

### PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that our client is intending to purchase the Schedule Property mentioned hereunder from its owners its owners Smt. Lakshmamma W/o late M.Venkatppa and Sri. Gurappa S/o Chikkamunishami, R/at Gangalur Village, Anugondanahalli Hobli, Hosakote Taluk, Bangalore Rural District. Any person/s has/have any manner of right, title and or interest or demand or claim over the Schedule Property is are hereby requested to file his/her/their objections to this transaction, in writing along with the photocopies of the documents on which such claim is being made with the undersigned, within 10 (ten) days from the date of publication of this notice.

If no objection is received by the undersigned as aforesaid, our client shall proceed with the above-mentioned purchase transaction deeming that, apart from the aforesaid owner no one else have any manner of right or claim or interest in or over the Schedule Property.

**SCHEDULE PROPERTY**

All that piece and parcel of the agricultural land bearing **Sy.No. 85/3, measuring 02 Acres 06 guntas (inclusive of 02 guntas of kharab land),** situated at Gangalur Village, Anugondanahalli Hobli, Hosakote Talukand bounded on; **East by:** Land in Sy.No. 85/6 belongs to Ramesh G.K. & Sy. No. 85/4 belongs to Lakshmamma; **West by:** Land in Sy.No. 85/2 belongs to Shankrappa & Sy. No. 85/27 belongs to Krishnappa; **North by:** Land belongs to Chandrappa; **South by:** Road & Land in Sy.No. 85/7 belongs to Srinivas.

**SURESH N.V. / R. RASHMI RANI**
Advocates & Legal Consultants
**SR LAW ASSOCIATES**
T-1, Bharath Residency No.10, MM. Gardens, Koramangala, 6th Block, Near 80 Ft. Road, Bangalore- 560095: Mobile: 9980198876.

## CHENNAI METRO RAIL LIMITED

(A Joint Venture of Govt. of India & Govt. of Tamil Nadu)
Admin Building, CMRL Depot, Poonamallee High Road, Koyambedu, Chennai - 600 107. Phone: 044 2379 2000

### NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER

| Contract Name | Request for Proposal (RFP) for Selection of Consultant for Preparation of Feasibility Study Report for Introducing a Mass Rapid Transit System in Tiruchirappalli/ Tirunelveli / Salem City |
|---|---|
| Contract No | **CMRL/PLNG/559/9/2021- DFR for Tier II Cities.** |

CMRL invites tender for Proposal - **"Selection of Consultant for Preparation of Feasibility Study Report for Introducing a Mass Rapid Transit System in Tiruchirappalli/ Tirunelveli / Salem City"**

Tender Documents can be downloaded from e-procurement website: E-Tender Publication date: 21-03-2022, **Last date of bid-submission:** 20-04-2022 (16:00 Hrs.)

For complete details, please visit e-procurement website **https://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app**

Any Corrigendum/Addendum to this publication, if any, would appear only on above-mentioned website and will not be published in newspapers.

**Tender Authority :-** The Chief General Manager (P&BD), Chennai Metro Rail Limited, Admin Building, CMRL Depot, Poonamallee High road, Koyambedu, Chennai - 600 107. Phone 044 - 23792000.
Email:krishnan.rm@cmrl.in
DIPR/1401/TENDER/2022

**Chief General Manger (P&BD)**
**CMRL.**

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**IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU**
**Notice to the Respondents No. 7 and 8**
**Vide order dated: 15.03.2022**
**R.F.A. No. 1130 / 2018**

**Sri. S. Rama Murthy** ...**Appellant**
(By Sriyuths: Chandrakanth Patil K, Lokesh Bhatt and Aparna N, Advs., for appellant by GKM Associates)

**V/s**

**R. Satish Kumar, Since deceased by LRs Smt. Sumithra** & Ors., ...**Respondents**
(By Sri H. Devendrappa, Adv., for R-6).

**To: Respondents:**
**07. Smt. N. Vijayalakshmi** W/o N.R. Raju
**08. Sri N.R Raju** S/o N.S.V Raju
**R-7 and R-8 both are** R/at No.536, 4th Main Road, Ganesha Temple Road, H.G. Main Road, Bangalore - 560 073.

Appeal from the Judgment & Decree dated: 27.03.2018 passed in OS. No. 2161/2003 on the file of the XI Addl. City Civil Judge, Bangalore.

Notice is hereby given to you to appear in this court either in person or through Counsel duly instructed or through some one authorized by law, to act for you in the above appeal **on 18.04.2022** in case you intend to contest the appeal. If you fail to appear, the same will be dealt with, heard and decided in your absence.

Issued under my hand and seal of this court on this 15th day March 2022.

**BY ORDER OF THE COURT,**
**ASSISTANT REGISTRAR**

## CITY UNION BANK LIMITED

**Credit Recovery and Management Department**
**Administrative Office :** No. 24-B, Gandhi Nagar, Kumbakonam - 612 001. **E-Mail id :** crmd@cityunionbank.in, **Ph :** 0435-2432322, **Fax :** 0435-2431746

### RE-TENDER-CUM-AUCTION SALE NOTICE UNDER SARFAESI ACT 2002

The following property/ies mortgaged to **City Union Bank Limited** will be sold in Re-Tender-cum-Public Auction by the Authorised Officer of the Bank, under Rule 8 (6) & 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, under the SARFAESI Act, 2002, for recovery of a sum of **Rs.57,42,871/- (Rupees Fifty Seven Lakh Forty Two Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventy One only)** as on **02-09-2019** together with further interest to be charged from **03-09-2019** onwards and other expenses, any other dues to the Bank by the borrowers / guarantors **No.1) Mr. M. Zafrulla Khan, S/o. Mr. Mastan Khan, No.3725, 15th Ward, Near Masjid, Mahaboob Nagar, Ramanagara - 562 159. No.2) Mrs. Shabeena, W/o. Mr. Zafrulla Khan, No.3725, 15th Ward, Near Masjid, Mahaboob Nagar, Ramanagara - 562 159.**

**Immovable Properties Mortgaged to our Bank**
**(Properties Owned by Mr. M. Zafrulla Khan, S/o. Mr. Mastan Khan)**

Property No.1:- All the piece and parcel of the Immovable Property bearing Old Municipal Khata No.634/3707,New Municipal Khata No.205/3707, measuring East to West 45 feet, North to South 25 feet. Totally measuring 1,125.00 Sq.ft. situated in 2nd Stage, Hosahalli Maidan, Ram Nagara bounded by:- East - Municipal Road, West - Site No.50 belonging to Mastan Khan, North - Site No.73 belonging to Athaulla Baig, South - Site No.71 belonging to Abdul Khader @ Chote Lal. Along with superstructure putup thereon.

**Reserve Price: Rs.25,00,000/-**
**(Rupees Twenty Five Lakh only)**

Property No.2:- All the piece and parcel of site bearing Municipal Khata No.339/A/3726/A, measuring East to West 15 feet, North to South 45 feet. Totally measuring 675.00 Sq.ft. situated in Ward No.15, Mehaboob Nagar, Ramnagara bounded by:- East - Other Property of present owner, West - Road, North - Other property of present owner, South - Property of Zia Ulla Khan. Along with superstructure putup thereon.

**Reserve Price: Rs.8,00,000/-**
**(Rupees Eight Lakh only)**

**RE-AUCTION DETAILS**

| Date of Re-Tender-cum-Auction Sale | Venue |
|---|---|
| 19-04-2022 | City Union Bank Limited, Bengaluru-Ramanagara Branch, B.M.Road, 316, I Stage, Near Bus Stand, Bengaluru-Mysore Main Road, Ramanagara, Bengaluru - 571 511. Telephone No.080-27276688, Cell No.9379511195. |

**Terms and Conditions of Re-Tender-cum-Auction Sale:**

**(1)** The intending bidders should be present in person for the auction and participate personally and give a declaration in writing to the effect that he/she is bidding for himself / herself. **(2)** The intending bidders may obtain the Tender Forms from **The Manager, City Union Bank Ltd., Bengaluru-Ramanagara Branch, B.M. Road, 316, I Stage, Near Bus Stand, Bengaluru-Mysore Main Road, Ramanagara, Bengaluru - 571 511. (3)** The intending bidders should submit their bids only in the Tender Form prescribed in sealed envelopes addressed to **The Authorised Officer, City Union Bank Ltd.,** together with a Pay Order / Demand Draft for an EMD of **10%** of the Reserve Price, drawn in favour of **"City Union Bank Ltd.", on or before 02.00 p.m.** on the date of Tender-cum-Auction Sale hereby notified. **(4)** For inspection of the property and other particulars, the intending purchaser may contact **Telephone No.080-27276688, Cell No.9379511195. (5)** The property/ies are sold on "As-is-where-is", "As-is-what-is" and "whatever- there is" basis. **(6)** The sealed tenders will be opened in the presence of the intending bidders at **03.00 p.m.** on the date of Tender-cum-Auction Sale hereby notified. Though in general the sale will be by way of closed tenders, the Authorised Officer may, at his sole discretion, conduct an Open Auction among the interested bidders who desire to quote a bid higher than the one received in the closed tender process, and in such an event, the sale shall be conferred on the person making highest bid. The sale, however, is subject to confirmation of City Union Bank Limited. **(7)** The successful bidder shall have to pay **25% (inclusive of EMD paid)** of the sale amount **immediately** on completion of sale and the balance amount of **75%** within **15 days** from the date of confirmation of sale, failing which the initial deposit of **25%** shall be forfeited. **(8)** The Sale Certificate will be issued by the Authorised Officer in favour of the successful purchaser only after receipt of the entire sale consideration within the time limit stipulated herein. **(9)** The successful purchaser shall bear the charges/fees payable for conveyance, such as stamp duty, registration fee etc., as applicable under law. **(10)** The successful bidder should pay the statutory dues (lawful house tax, electricity charges and other dues), TDS, GST if any, due to Government, Government Undertaking and local bodies. **(11)** The Authorised Officer shall have all the powers to accept or reject the bids or postpone or cancel the sale without assigning any reason whatsoever.

**Place: Kumbakonam, Date: 19-03-2022** **Authorised Officer**

**Regd. Office :** 149, T.S.R. (Big) Street, Kumbakonam, Thanjavur District, Tamil Nadu - 612 001, **CIN -** L65110TN1904PLC001287, **Telephone No.** 0435-2402322, **Fax :** 0435-2431746, **Website :** www.cityunionbank.com

## AXIS BANK

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### DEMAND NOTICE

A notice is hereby given that the following borrowers have defaulted in the repayment of principal and interest of credit facilities obtained by them from the bank and said facilities have turned in to Non-performing Assets. The notices were issued to them under section 13 (2) of Securitisation and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act. 2002 on their last known addresses, however the same have returned un-served and as such they are hereby informed by way of public notice about the same.

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<tr><th>Sl. No.</th><th>Name & Address of the Borrower</th><th>Property Address on Which Loan Availed</th><th>Notice Date</th><th>Bal. O/S (Claimed) in Rs.</th></tr>
<tr><td>1.</td><td>1. Dr. C Manjunath Swaroop, #92, 7th Cross, 7th Main, 3rd Phase, J P Nagar, Bangalore – 560078, Dr. C Manjunath Swaroop, Also at: Shanbhag Hospital, No. 6, Thimmat Layout, 1st Main 3rd Main, 3rd Stage, 2nd Block, Basaveshwara Nagar, Bangalore – 560079, Dr. C Manjunath Swaroop, Also at: #150/15, 69th Cross, 5th Block, Rajajinagar, Bangalore – 560010, 2. Mrs. Rashmi H K #92, 7th Cross, 7th Main, 3rd Phase, J P Nagar, Bangalore – 560078</td><td>PROPERTY 1 : For Loan No. PHR000901725745, SCHEDULE-A: All that piece and parcel of property bearing Municipal Corporation No. 9 (Old Municipal Nos. 1, 3, 4, 5, 5/1, 6, 7, 7/1, 8, 8/1 and 9) situated in Binnyston Garden, Magadi Road, Municipal Ward No. 29, Bangalore, having an extent of 7,05,759 sq. ft. (less 11025 sq. ft. relinquished to Bangalore Mahanagar Palike for widening of road) and bounded by: To the East: Magadi road and property of Guruvanna Davara Mutt and Public Road, To the West: Private properties, To the North: Land and building og Arogya Bhavana and Guruvanna Devara Mutt, To the South: 11th Main Road known as Kempapura Agrahara Main Road, Mariappanna Palaya and private properties. SCHEDULE – B : 0.0579% undivided share, right, title, interest and ownership in Schedule "A" property (which comes to 402.298 sq. ft. land share in Schedule A property) SCHEDULE – C: All that residential apartment bearing No. J 207 in second floor of Tulip Block forming part of "THE GARDENS" built in Schedule A property and apartment measuring 968 sq. ft. of super built up area inclusive of proportionate share in common areas such as passages, lobbies, lifts, staircases and other areas of common use and with exlcusive right of usage of one car parking slot bearing No. J-207 in lower basement level and the apartment bearing Municipal No. 9/660, Binnyston Garden, Magadi Road, Municipal Ward, No. 120 of Chickpet and the apartment is bounded by: East: Open towards open spaces and apartment no. J 203 on second floor in Tulip block of THE GARDENS, West: Open towards Open Space of THE GARDENS, North: Apartment No. J -208 on second floor in Tulip Block of THE GARDENS, South: Lift and lobby on second floor in Tulip Block of THE GARDENS, PROPERTY 2: For Loan No. PHR000901720192, All that piece and parcel of the residential property site No. 1470, BDA Site No. 1470, Sir M Visveshwaraiah Layout, 3rd Block, Bangalore measuring measuring East to West: 18 mtrs and north to South: 12 mtrs., total measuring 216 sq. mtrs. or 2325.023 sq. ft. and bounded as follows: North: Site No. 1469, South: Site No. 1471, East: Road, West: Site No. 1466 and 1467.<br>For any clarification please contact Mr. Thrimoorthy S at 919036773553</td><td>07.02.2022<br>NPA Date 03.01.2022</td><td>POWER HOME PHR 000901725745 Rs.32,75,451.16/-<br>+<br>Power Home PHR 000901720192 Rs.54,56,233.16/-<br>TOTAL Rs.87,31,684.00/- as on 04.02.2022</td></tr>
<tr><td>2.</td><td>1.Mrs. Vidhya Varshini C. S., #394/A, Ground Floor, 23rd B Cross, 18th Main, HSR Layout, Sector – III, Opp. HSR Club, Bangalore – 560102, Also at: Mrs. Vidhya Varshini S. C., #27/45, Raji Lane Raji Street, 1st Street, Aynavaram, Chennai – 600023, Also at: Mrs. Vidhya Varshini S. C., Wipro Technologies, Gate No. 10, Wipro Campus, Electronic City, Hosur Road, Bangalore - 560100.</td><td>All that piece and parcel of residentially converted land bearing Sy. No. 520/1, measuring 35 guntas vide conversion order bearing No. ALN SR(A) 6/93-94, Dr. 3.09.1993 issued by the Assistant Commissioner, Bangalore District and bounded on the: To the East: Property of Rohit, To the West: Property of Papa Reddy, To the North: Property of Aswath Reddy, To the South: Government Road.<br>For any clarification please contact Mr. Thrimoorthy S at 919036773553.</td><td>15.02.2022<br>NPA Date 04.11.2021</td><td>POWER HOME PHR056100303978 Rs.22,07,165.00/- as on 14.02.2022</td></tr>
<tr><td>3.</td><td>1.SANGANNA V DORANAHALLI (Applicant), No 13/3, 1st Main, Attiguppe, RPC Layout, Vijayanagar 2nd Stage Bangalore 560040 Also at, SANGANNA V DORANAHALLI (Applicant), TECH MAHNDRA, 45-47, KIADB Industrial Area, Phase 11, Electronic City, Bangalore 560100. Also at, SANGANNA V DORANAHALLI (Applicant), Flat No. S-9, Gurushree Apartments, 2nd Floor, Mallathalli Village, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bangalore - 560073. 2.Mrs. RAJESWARI S V DORANAHALLI (Co-Applicant), No 13/3, 1st Main, Attiguppe, RPC Layout, Vijayanagar 2nd Stage Bangalore 560040,Also at, Mrs. RAJESWARI S V DORANAHALLI (Co-Applicant), Flat No.S-9, Gurushree Apartments, 2nd Floor, Mallathalli Village, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bangalore - 560073.</td><td>All the piece and parcel of immovable property bearing assessment No. 52/3/3/1, Khatha No. 52/52/356/3/1 covered out of Sy. No. 3/1 which is converted from agriculture to Non-agriculture residential purpose vide order No. B. DIS.ALN.SR(N)203/2003-04, dated 05/05/2004 issued by the Special Deputy Commissioner Bangalore, being a Two Bed Room Apartment bearing No. S-9 in Second floor Flourish, GURUSHREE APARTMENTS situated at Mallathalli Village, Yeshwanthapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, now coming within the jurisdiction of BBMP, Bangalore ward no 129, with a super built up area of 1212 Sq Ft, inclusive of the balconies and proportionate share in the common areas such as passages, lobbies staircases etc,) and having R.C.C Roofing Vitrified tiled Flooring Teak wood main Doors, other doors of Jungle Wood and steel Windows, one Hall, one Kitchen, Two bed room with one attach bath room, one common bath room, along with electricity, water and sanitary connection, including car parking, together with all appurtenances whatsoever, whether situated on, below or above the surface and bounded on as follows East by: Lobby and Lift Area, West by: Road, North by: Flat No-S-10, South by: Flat No-S-8.<br>For any clarification please contact Mr. Thrimoorthy S - 9036773553</td><td>07.02.2022<br>NPA Date 07.05.2021</td><td>POWER HOME PHR000901166462 Rs.37,41,663.00/-<br>+<br>POWER HOME PHR000901347383 Rs.62,776.00/-<br>TOTAL Rs.38,04,439.00/- as on 04.02.2022</td></tr>
<tr><td>4.</td><td>1.Mr.Samik Bhattacharya (applicant), B-402, Anisha Grange, 6th G Cross, CV Raman Nagar, Bangalore - 560093, Also At, Mr. Samik Bhattacharya, 2A, Annada Banerjee Lane, Kolkata – 700020, and Also At: Mr. Samik Bhattacharya, Hewlett Packard, Sy.192, Whitefield Road, Mahadevapura Post, 2. Mrs. Anindita Bhattacharya (Co-applicant), B-402, Anisha Grange, 6th G Cross, CV Raman Nagar, Bangalore - 560093.</td><td>All that piece & parcel of residentially converted property bearing Sy No. 264/1, measuring 14 guntas, Sy No. 264/2, measuring 1 Acre 02 Guntas and Sy No. 265 measuring 08 Guntas totally measuring 1 acre 24 Guntas situated at Kadugodi Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, converted for Non-agricultural residential purpose vide Conversion Order No. ALN/SR/1/75-76 & ALN/E(B)/SR/1/2006-2007, which is bounded on : East by : Property Of Krishnappa, West by: Property Of Krishnappa, North by: Road, South by: Railway's Property.<br>Shedule A: All that piece & parcel of residentially converted property measuring 52,637 sq.ft in Sy No. 264/1, Sy No. 264/2, and Sy No. Sy No. 265, situated at Kadugodi Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, converted for Non-agricultural residential purpose vide Conversion Order No. ALN/SR/1/75-76 & ALN/E(B)/SR/1/2006-2007 & Katha No.1356-264/1-01 which is bounded on : East by : Property Of Krishnappa, West by: Property Of Krishnappa, North by: Road, South by: Railway's Property,<br>Shedule B: 0.89% undivided right, title and interest in the Schedule-A Property mentioned above which would work out to 470 Sq Ft approximately of the Schedule-A Property in the subject matter of this Agreement.<br>Shedule C: Apartment No.910 on Eight Floor in Block '1' measuring Super Built Area of 1425 Sq Ft in the building MAHAVEER KINGSPLACE, being constructed on the Schedule A-Property with the floors, ceiling and walls between units jointly belonging to such Apartment Owner equally, including common area with One Covered Car Parking Space bearing No.910. The construction is of Vitrified Flooring, Aluminum Windows and Teak Wood and Sal Wood frames and Doors, separate Electricity, Common Water, including common areas rights and bounded on : East by : Set back & Swimming Pool, West by: Set back, North by: Duct, South by: Passage<br>For any clarification please contact Mr. Ekantharaju N + 91- 8152053027.</td><td>08.03.2022<br>NPA Date 30.01.2022</td><td>POWER HOME PH0090100155353 Rs.14,12,581.00/- as on 04.03.2022</td></tr>
<tr><td>5.</td><td>1.Mr. Dharmendra Verma, 109, Wildrose Drive Victoria Texas USA 77904. and Also At: Mr. Dharmendra Verma, Coastal Bend President, Gastroenterology, 109, Wildrose Drive Victoria Texas USA 77904. and Also At: Mr. Dharmendra Verma, C O Prem Singh Verma, No.13 001 Mantri Residency, Near Meenakshi Temple, Bannerghatta Road, Bangalore 560076, and Also At: Mr. Dharmendra Verma, Villa No-B-01,Site No-216, Pride Crosswinds, Sy No-185, Bukkasandra Village, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore 560076, 2. Mrs. Archana Chandrupatla, 109, Wildrose Drive Victoria Texas USA 77904, And Also At: Mrs. Archana Chandrupatla, Coastal Bend, Manager, Gastroenterology, 109, Wildrose Drive Victoria Texas USA 77904. Mr. Narendra Verma, (GPA Holder – Executed Loan Documents) S/o Prem Singh Verma, NB6, Officers Mess, Air Force Tanning Command, Hebbal, Bangalore – 560006.</td><td>SCHEDULE A PROPERTY: All that piece and parcel of the residentially converted lands measuring an extent of 10 Acres comprised in Survey No.183/1 and 23 Acres 18 Guntas comprised in Sy. No.185 situated at Bukkasagara Village, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore District duly converted by various conversion orders for residential uses and purposes as mentioned below:
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SCHEDULE B RESIDENTIAL SITE : Residential Site Bearing No.216 released by Anekal Yojana Pradhikara vide their letter dated 10.09.2015 assigned Khaneshmari No 375/1/216 by the Kaluballu Village Panchayat, forming a part of the residential layout known as "PRIDE CROSSWINDS" formed on a part of the Schedule A Property and comprised in Sy.No.185 of Bukkasagara Village, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore District duly converted for non- agricultural residential uses and purposes measuring East to West 78.46 feet and North to South 47.88 feet totally measuring 3756 sq.ft is being sold under this deed and bounded on the: East by : Site no 231, West by : Road, North by : Site no 217, South by : Road, SCHEDULE C VILLA: Villa bearing No.B-01, constructed on the Schedule B Residential Site with a total Saleable Area of 3489 sq.ft comprised in Ground + First floor and constructed in accordance with the specifications mentioned in the Annexure to this deed is being sold under this deed.<br>For any clarification please contact Mr. Thrimoorthy S at 919036773553.</td><td>19.02.2022<br>NPA Date 04.06.2021</td><td>POWER HOME PHR067700826078 Rs.66,41,616.00/- as on 18.02.2022</td></tr>
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The steps are being taken for substituted service of notice. The above borrowers and/ or the guarantors (where ever applicable) are advised to make the payments of outstanding dues as mentioned above along with future interest and applicable charges within 60 days from the date of the publication of this notice failing which further steps will be taken after the expiry of 60 days of the date of this notice as per the provision of Securitisation and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act. 2002. Please note that under Section 13(13) of the said Act, no Borrower shall, after Receipt of Notice referred to in Sub-section (2), transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise any of his secured assets referred to in the notice, without prior written consent of the secured creditor.

The Borrower's attention is invited to the provisions of sub-section (8) of sections 13 of the Act. The borrowers may redeem the secured assets by paying the dues of the secured creditor together with all costs, charges and expenses incurred at any time before the date of publication of notice for public auction or inviting quotations or tender from public or private treaty for transfer by way of lease, assignment or sale of the secured assets.

**Place : Bangalore**
**Date : 21.03.2022**

**Sd/- Authorised Officer**
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**DAY'S DIARY**

## *Novel completed*

On this day in 1860, English novelist Mary Ann Evans — under the pen name George Eliot — finished her novel *The Mill on the Floss*

**FAMOUS NOVELIST**

She was one of the leading English novelists of the 19th century. Her novels, most famously *Middlemarch*, are celebrated for their realism and psychological insights

**PUBLISHING**

The novel was first published in three volumes in 1860 by William Blackwood. The first American edition was published by Harper & Brothers, Publishers, New York

**THEME**

Like her other novels, *The Mill on the Floss* articulates the tension between circumstances and the spiritual energies of characters struggling against those circumstances

## *RRR to have 2,000 shows in K'taka*

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# FEEL THE BEAT

From private performances for Deepika Padukone and Ranveer Singh to creating the background score for *KGF*, this young percussionist has taken the industry by storm

**ANILA KURIAN**

IF you've grooved to the background score of *KGF*, then you'll sure want to know about the person who created the magic. It's percussionist Rahul Shivakumar, a 26-year-old Bengaluru boy. And over the weekend, the self-taught artiste performed at Global Malls for the Holi flea market celebration which is on till March 31.

"It was absolutely amazing to have a crowd to perform to since the pandemic didn't really allow it to happen. While I did private shows, there was just a select audience for this," he says.

Shivakumar is a world and folk-multi percussionist, drummer and solo performer, who can play over 45 instruments. Having done over 1,500 shows so far, he's played the background score in around 50 Kannada movies, including the much-talked-about *KGF: Chapter 1*. However, his claim to fame is him being the music composer of the blockbuster film *Act 1978*, directed by National Award winner Mansore.

"It all started when I was in Class 5 and wanted to join my school band. We weren't allowed to join until we were in Class 8. But I would go to school an hour early every day just to watch them. Slowly, the master took notice of me and started giving me a chance to play when one of the students was absent," he recalls.

He grew his love for music throughout school and continued on from there, watching YouTube videos. "I really do have to thank a few people for getting me to where I am. I'm trained under the guidance of Pramath Kiran for Latin percussion and Vinod Shyam Anoor for Carnatic Konakkol. I still continue to learn and I'm glad that I can showcase them in the many works that I have done," he adds.

Shivakumar has worked with music composers like Ravi Basrur, Arjun Janya, Poornachandra Tejaswi, Sridhar Sambhram and Ronada Bakkesh, to name a few.

He can play with anything from exotic darbuka to kitchen utensils like kadai and frying pans.

Rahul Shivakumar and Deepika Padukone

"Going to Mumbai after my Bachelor of Computer Application was a stepping stone. I got to learn more about the percussion instruments, things that weren't normally used in Bengaluru, and I can proudly say that I still use them in my work today," says Shivakumar, adding that the instruments he plays with are darbuka, djembe, Cajon, timbale, duff and folk tapes, to name a few.

"I've done private shows for Ranveer Singh, Deepika Padukone and Sanjay Dutt with DJ Jasmeet. It was absolutely wonderful to see Deepika and Ranveer dancing to my beats," he says with a laugh.

One of his latest projects includes the song *Mahanubhaavu Neenayya*, a tribute to late actor Puneeth Rajkumar. "The song is out on YouTube and it's sung by Kailash Kher, Vijay Prakash, Sonu Nigam and Shankar Mahadevan. I worked on the live rhythm and Taikos for the song and it's doing really well on social media platforms," he explains.

Apart from playing music, Shivakumar mentions his upcoming movie role. "I'm part of the new movie called *Raymo*, directed by Pavan Wadeyar. Details about it will be out soon," he says, adding that he's looking forward to seeing what else the future holds for him.

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Rahul Shivakumar, musician

## ART ATTACK

Visitors check out artworks displayed at Kala for Vidya, an art exhibition, organised by Rotary Club of Bangalore at Taj West End. Around 93 artworks of different genres by 45 artists from across India were on display. | ASHISHKRISHNA HP

**Debolina Ray, a Bengaluru-based food & travel blogger who runs a blog called She Knows Grub, dishes out fun food-related trivia in this weekly series. So, answer these three questions and find out how much of a foodie you are**

GRUB HUB

**THE QUIZ WILL BE PUBLISHED EVERY SATURDAY**

Send answers to **bengalurucityexpress@gmail.com** with the subject line **'Food quiz'**

The correct answers and names of the first three respondents with right answers will be featured in *CE*. The first prize winner this week will win a voucher worth ₹2,000 from Khmer Kitchen**

**THE RIGHT ANSWERS**

**1) South Africa, Nando's 2) TGI Fridays 3) Hard Rock Cafe, Lionel Messi**

**FIRST 3 TO GET IT RIGHT**

1) Ratish 2) Mayur Bhandari 3) Keerthi

***Conditions apply**

## *Unwinding with fans*

Looks like popular actor **Bhavana Menon** had some fun on Sunday with her fans. She took to Instagram for an 'Ask Me Anything' session where her fans asked her everything from wanting to see a picture with her husband, what she can cook, her pets, and even her phone number. She answered most of the questions as humourously as possible and she signed off promising to do it again soon.

## CITY READ

### Running carnival launched in the city

Bengaluru Sports Foundation launched the annual Bengaluru Runners Jatre, a running carnival that encourages citizens across Bengaluru to participate in running. The first edition was launched in the presence of Olympian Nisha Millet at Century Club in Cubbon Park. The event, which is scheduled every first Sunday in June, will be scheduled on June 5 this year. The event aims to drive fitness across the city through running and help upcoming athletes to soar up to national and international levels competitions.

### Bank's president felicitated

Government of Karnataka recently honoured Avalahalli Chandrappa, president of the Bangalore City Co-operative Bank, with the Sahakara Rathna Award to recognise his service in the field of co-operative banking. Chandrappa served as the director of the bank since 1991 and as the vice president for two and a half years between 2002-2005. Under his leadership, the bank's area operational limit extended across Karnataka, share capital increased from ₹11 crore to ₹90 crore and net profit raised from ₹2.47 crore to ₹25.85 crore.

### Bank launches outreach programme

Bank of India recently launched an outreach programme on financial services recently in Bengaluru to mark Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav celebration. The programme was themed as Janta Se Jodna. The bank is organising the out-reach programme in different cities to promote the government's flagship programme Stand Up India, Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana, Loans to Self Help Groups, Agricultural Loan, PM SVANidhi, MSME Loans, Gold Loans and various Retail Loans like Home, Vehicle and Mortgage loans.

What will happen when pizza gets costlier? Restaurateurs are left confused after the recent ruling to tax pizza toppings

# On top of it

**SANATH PRASAD**

ONE of the biggest debates in the pizza world has always been — should pineapple be a topping or not. Well, this time around, the debate has been about something completely different. Pizza lovers and brands are all up in arms about it about the recent order by the Haryana Appellate Authority for Advance Ruling which ruled that pizza toppings are not part of a pizza and hence should attract a higher GST of 18 per cent. While this has triggered a massive meme fest on social media, pizzeria brands in Bengaluru are upset and confuse.

Amrut Mehta, chef and director at Little Italy Group of restaurants, feels this ruling works against the interests of the customers. "The ruling is just strange and confusing. We always promote extra topping to upsell our items. The toppings getting a jump of 18 per cent is a big challenge. From a business perspective, calculation just gets more complex," says Mehta.

Karun Sondhi, co-founder of Raffaele's Ristorante Pizzeria, says, "If this ruling is enforced and if we reduce the pizza price, it just means suicide for us. There is already a hike in the price of maida and oil. As soon as we heard about the news, we immediately rang up our accountant. We are consulting tax experts to make this GST structure comprehensive."

Similarly, Nithin Kannan, who opened Thin Tony's Pizza one month ago, feels the customisation of pizzas in different pizzerias can complicate the GST structure. "Every pizzeria sells its own customised pizzas. Sometimes it's the toppings or the cheese that is less. How would that be treated under this new ruling," asks Kannan.

In order to understand the ruling further, *CE* spoke to a tax expert who didn't want to be named. He explains, "The ruling is right because there is a classification between 'ready-to-cook' and 'ready-to-eat' food items. Pizza falls under the first category, which actually attracts a higher GST rate. Ready-to-cook items needs to be cooked, prepared and then served. In this case, a consumer cannot have plain bread. Hence, the toppings come as a classification of a food being prepared and not as part of the pizza."

Consumers can't seem to wrap their heads around it either and might just think twice before ordering their favourite pizzas. "Pizza for me is a combination of all ingredients including the toppings. Otherwise it is just considered a pizza bread without any toppings. The ruling is definitely illogical and if this is enforced, I will definitely think twice to buy a pizza next time," says Aishwarya Roy, a real estate professional.

While the confusion continues, netizens are having a field day with this. Some are worried if chutney and sambar would be taxed next, and some others feel avoiding the toppings due to heavy tax can keep them healthy!

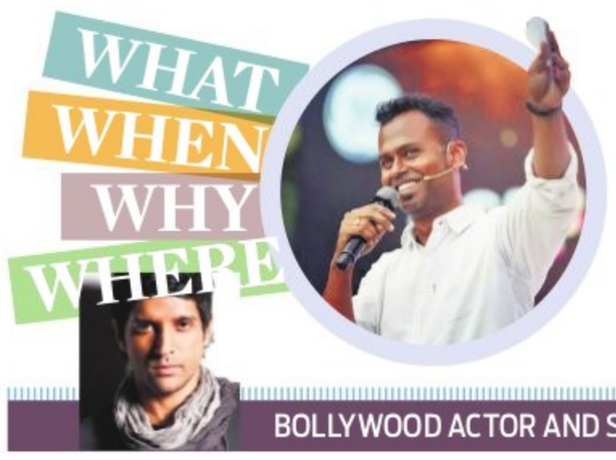
Pic for representation purposes only

### WHY 18% GST

The Appellate Authority for Advance Ruling observed that product pizza topping contains 22 per cent vegetable fat as compared to Mozzarella cheese of 14.5 per cent. The vegetable fat is not a prescribed ingredient for processed cheese. Therefore, the product pizza topping would not qualify to be classified under heading 0406 as cheese is not the major ingredient. The product pizza topping being edible preparation for human consumption, would merit classification under Chapter 21. As the product would not fall under specific entry, it would be classifiable under the residual entry 'food preparations not elsewhere specified' under tariff item 2106 90 99 and chargeable to GST at 18 per cent.
*(source: Taxmann)*

*Pizza is a combination of all ingredients including the toppings. If the topping attracts higher GST, I will definitely think twice before I buy it* — Aishwarya Roy, real estate professional

*As soon as we heard about the ruling, we rang up our accountant. We are consulting tax experts to make it comprehensive* — Karun Sondhi, restaurateur




## COMEDY NIGHTS

Laugh out loud with Rishabh Kanishka, Debasish Rath, Siddhartha Agarwal and Joteen Patro as they entertain you at Kalagrah - House of Performing Arts during Sarjapur Comedy Nights.
**When:** March 26-28
**Details:** bookmyshow.com

## FOOD ART

Join the miniature food art workshop where you can learn to make mini clay versions of aloo bhujiya, biscuits, platter and shot glasses, among others.
**When:** March 27 **Details:** bookmyshow.com

## SHOW TIME

Kathputliyan Theatre Group is presenting *Saadhe Chay Rupiye ka kya kiya*. The play is a love story of a husband and wife and their playful conflicts on silly and littlest of things.
**When:** March 27, 5-7pm Entry is free.
**Where:** Alliance Francaise Bangalore, Vasanth Nagar

## POTTERY WORKSHOP

Find a way to productive during the weekends and learn pottery. You can learn to hand-build and throw a pot on the potter's wheel along with it.
**When:** March 22-31
**Details:** bookmyshow.com



BOLLYWOOD ACTOR AND SINGER **FARHAN AKHTAR** WILL BE PERFORMING AT PHOENIX MARKETCITY |**WHEN:** APRIL 2 | **DETAILS:** BOOKMYSHOW.COM

### Theatre Production

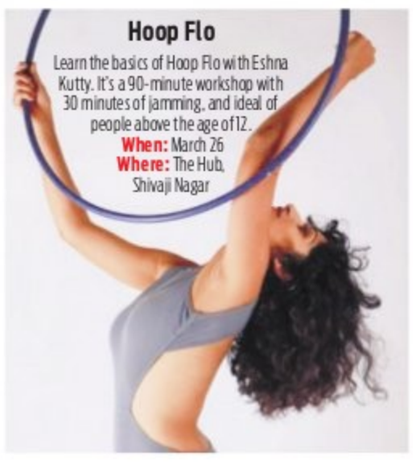
Wild Woman Witchcraft is a dance theatre production that shows the wild woman archetype in intuitive and visceral ways. Directed by Sahiba Singh, the show will take place at Flux, Indiranagar.
**When:** March 26-27 **Details:** bookmyshow.com

### Biryani Bucket

KFC India launches the KFC Biryani Bucket – crispy, juicy chicken with biryani rice. Choose from four delectable variations, including Hot and Crispy Chicken Biryani Bucket, Popcorn Chicken Biryani Bucket, Smoky Grilled Biryani Bucket and Veg Biryani Bucket.
**Available** across all KFC outlets

### Hoop Flo

Learn the basics of Hoop Flo with Eshna Kutty. It's a 90-minute workshop with 30 minutes of jamming, and ideal of people above the age of 12.
**When:** March 26
**Where:** The Hub, Shivaji Nagar



### Bollywood Night

Join in for an evening of Bollywood songs, good food and interesting cocktails as DJ Devjeet spins the tunes.
**When:** March 25 **Where:** Hard Rock Cafe, Whitefield

### Education Programme

Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan's Gandhi Institute of Computer Education and Information Technology is offering free computer education to the educated unemployed youth belonging to the economically weaker section of the society. Last date to submit applications is March 29 **Details:** 080 2226 7373

### Music Jam

Gather around a bonfire every Wednesday and enjoy some good music. It's a great way to unwind after a busy day.
**When:** Till March 27
**Where:** Lahe Lahe, Indiranagar

## QUICK FIX

### What's cooking

**IN YOUR KITCHEN?**
We are hungry for recipes with minimum ingredients and maximum flavours. Share your quick-fix with us, along with step-by-step photos, at cityexpresschn@gmail.com.

### SPINACH CHERRY TOMATO PASTA

**INGREDIENTS**
- **Pasta** (spaghetti, linguine, or penne)
- **Cherry tomatoes:** 1/2 cup
- **Baby spinach:** 1 cup
- **Olive oil:** 2 tsp
- **Processed cheese:** 1 cube
- **Garlic cloves:** 4-5, chopped
- **Salt:** 1 tsp
- **Oregano:** 1 tsp
- **Pepper:** 1/2 tsp

**METHOD**
- Cook garlic in olive oil on low flame, until it changes its colour. Add cherry tomatoes. Cook until they release their juice.
- Add oregano, chilli flakes, salt and pepper. Cook for two more minutes.
- Add spinach and stir until they shrivel.
- Add pasta, cheese and pasta water (as required). Toss this until nicely combined.

**–Kritika Hasija, New Delhi**
(Instagram: @cookingwithkri)

## FIT BIT

### UPAVISTHA KONASANA
(SEATED STRADDLE POSE)

This is a challenging intermediate pose, where the sitting bones are grounded, gently moving the torso and hips in a forward bend. It stretches the hamstrings, groin and the inner thighs (adductors). It lengthens the spine and improves posture. Traditionally, it is thought to activate Svadisthana (Sacral) Chakra, thereby opening the centre of creativity, pleasure and enjoyment. It is also associated with Manipura (Solar Plexus) and Muladhara (Root) Chakras, while being a calming practice.

**STEPS**
- Sit in Dandasana (Staff Pose), with legs stretched out in front.
- Inhale and widen your legs without overstretching your inner thighs or hamstrings. Exhale here completely.
- Raise your buttocks, place the palms on the floor and widen the legs out a bit and then sit.
- Inhale and raise the spine, pulling in the tummy. Exhale, bend the torso from the hips by placing your palms in front of you. Exhale completely here.
- Keep your arms straight and try to touch the head to the floor. Using the support of the toes, expand the chest and neck and bring the face close to the floor.
- Extend the spine forward with every exhalation without putting pressure to the inner thighs.
- Stay here for about six breaths or as per the comfort of the body.
- Slowly inhale and rise up and and exhale completely. Come back to Dandasana.

**BENEFITS**
- Stretches the inner thigh and groin.
- Strengthens the core, quadriceps, hips and knees.
- Opens the pelvic joints and lengthens the spine.
- The spine, chest, and abdomen are active, impacting the flow of energy.
- Stimulates the digestive and reproductive systems. Increases the blood supply to reproductive organs.
- Ailments related to impotency, lack of sexual drive and infertility can be treated with this pose.
- Regulates menstrual flow and makes menstrual cycles painless.
- Helps with Polycystic Ovary Syndrome (PCOS).
- Creates confidence in the individual by balancing hormones.
- Pregnant women can do this to open their hips in the third trimester to enable easy delivery.

**LIMITATIONS**
- People with a weak ankle, shoulder, hip, rib cage, pelvis, and knee, or those who have injuries or have undergone recent surgeries in any of these part should avoid this.

*N. Elumalai, PhD Scholar (Yoga Science) at Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education & Research, Chennai*

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## POPULAR ON YOUTUBE

**CHAKRAVARTHY**
Shankar, a humble youth from Madikeri, heads out to Bengaluru in search of a job. His life changes drastically once he steps up to become an underworld gangster.
**Cast:** Darshan Thoogudeepa, Deepa Sannidhi, Dinakar Thoogudeepa

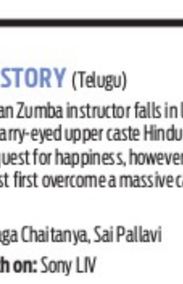
**MANASU MALLIGE**
A poor boy Parshu is in love with upper caste Sanju, the daughter of the local politician. But with caste politics and opposition at play, trouble seems in store ahead for them.
**Cast:** Rinku Rajguru, Nishanth, Tanaji Galgunde, Sourabh Kulakarni

**CHAKRAVYUHA**
Authorities turn a blind eye to the violence that takes place in a college at the behest of a corrupt minister. However, a student, Lohith, decides to take the law into his own hands.
**Cast:** Puneeth Rajkumar, Arun Vijay, Rachita Ram, Sadhu Kokila

**JACKIE**
Jackie is a man who lives by his wits and reaches out to people to solve their problems. But he lands himself in trouble when he is suspected of helping a priest's daughter elope with her lover.
**Cast:** Puneeth Rajkumar, Bhavana, Shobhraj, Ravi Kale

**YAJAMANA**
Krishna, the son-in-law of the village head, becomes the biggest enemy of Devi Shetty, a cruel gangster, when Devi decides to plunder the oil resources of the village and ruin villagers' livelihood.
**Cast:** Darshan Thoogudeepa, Rashmika Mandanna, Dhananjay, P Ravi Shankar

## WHAT'S ON TED TALKS



**1 WHAT THE WAR IN UKRAINE MEANS FOR THE WORLD ORDER BY IAN BREMMER**
In this vital conversation, political analyst Ian Bremmer takes a closer look at the global implications of the ongoing Russia-Ukraine war, including NATO and the EU's renewed sense of purpose, the spiral of escalation, energy politics and the significant, potentially permanent shifts in the world order.

**2 CLIMATE CHANGE ISN'T A DISTANT THREAT – IT'S OUR REALITY BY SELINA NEIROK LEEM**
In a stirring poem and talk, youth climate warrior Selina Neirok Leem explains why adaptation using Indigenous solutions is the only choice for people on the front lines of climate change. "These islands are our ancestors, our predecessors, our homes," Leem says.



**3 MY SECRET TO CREATING REAL MAGIC BY CHRISTINA TOSI**
Milk Bar founder Christina Tosi shares the sugary jolt of her first food memory and behind-the-scenes stories of her bakery's famously inventive cakes, cookies and treats. This talk may make you hungry – but it'll also leave you a resonant message about how breaking the rules and challenging your assumptions can make for a sweet life.

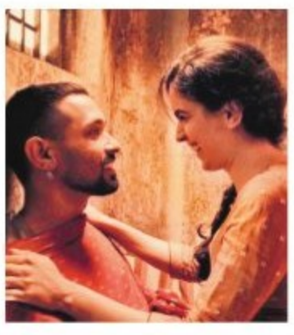
**4 THE "GREENHOUSE-IN-A-BOX" EMPOWERING FARMERS IN INDIA BY SATHYA RAGHU MOKKAPATI**
TED Fellow Sathya Raghu Mokkapati is determined to change the effects of climate risk on farming with greenhouse-in-a-box: a small, low-cost, easy-to-build structure aimed at helping farmers weather summers, increase monthly revenues and grow more food with less water.

**5 WHAT OUR LANGUAGE HABITS REVEAL BY STEVEN PINKER**
In an exclusive preview of his book The Stuff of Thought, Steven Pinker – a professor of cognitive science (the study of the human mind) who writes about language, mind and human nature – looks at language and how it expresses what goes on in our minds, and how the words we choose communicate much more than we realise.

## NOW STREAMING

### REGIONAL

**SILA NERANGALIL SILA MANIDHARGAL** (Tamil)
The lives of four people from different walks of life are affected by a disastrous road accident. The regret, remorse and realisation these characters undergo make the crux of the film.
**Cast:** Ashok Selvan, Nassar
- **Watch on:** Aha



**LOVEL HOSTEL** (Hindi)
Set against the pulsating backdrop of rustic North India, Love Hostel traces the volatile journey of a spirited young couple, being hunted by a ruthless mercenary.
**Cast:** ZEE5
- **Watch on:** Bobby Deol, Sanya Malhotra

**MITHYA**
(Hindi, series)
A tale of two women who are at odds with each other over allegations of plagiarism, which sparks a series of hostilities and shocking revelations spun around a murder.
**Cast:** Huma Qureshi, KC Shankar
- **Watch on:** ZEE5

**AKASH VAANI**
(Tamil)
A divorced couple, Akash and Vani, who used to be the celebrated couple back in their college. Now fate throws them into a situation that demands the sour couple to act like the love birds they used to be. Will they be able to feign chemistry they had in the past?
**Cast:** Kavin, Reba Monica John
- **Watch on:** Aha

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**LOVE STORY** (Telugu)
A Christian Zumba instructor falls in love with a starry-eyed upper caste Hindu girl. In their quest for happiness, however, they must first overcome a massive caste divide.
**Cast:** Naga Chaitanya, Sai Pallavi
- **Watch on:** Sony LIV

**ENEMY** (Tamil)
Former childhood friends enter into an intense rivalry fuelled by their escalating competitive nature.
**Cast:** Vishal, Mrinalini Ravi
- **Watch on:** Sony Liv

### FOREIGN

**THE DEVIL ALL THE TIME** (English)
A young man devoted to protecting his loved ones must face off against corruption and sinister characters in a postwar backwoods town.
**Cast:** Bill Skarsgard, Tom Holland, Michael Banks Repeta, Robert Pattinson
- **Watch on:** Netflix

**SNOWDROP** (Korean, series)
An enduring love story in 1987 Seoul; Youngro, a female university student, treats the bleeding Suho, a student attending a prestigious university, who one day jumps into a women's university dormitory despite the dangerous situation.
**Cast:** Jung Hae-In, Jisoo, Kim Mi-soo
- **Watch on:** Sony Liv

**WITHOUT REMORSE** (English)
Seeking justice for the murder of his pregnant wife, an elite Navy SEAL uncovers a covert plot that threatens to engulf the United States and Russia in an all-out war.
**Cast:** Michael B Jordon, Lauren London, Jamie Bell
- **Watch on:** Amazon Prime Video

**RUN** (English)
Chloe, a teenager, is forbidden from seeing the mail and is kept in isolation. She soon starts suspecting her mother of keeping dark secrets and decides to investigate.
**Cast:** Sarah Paulson, Sara Sohn, Kiera Allen
- **Watch on:** Netflix

**SUBSCRIPTION**
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**Netflix:** ₹ 149 per month

# BACK TO ROUTINE

After a fun festive weekend, skin and hair needs more care. Here's what the experts suggest

EXPRESS FEATURES

DURING the long weekend that went by, Naved Qureshi had to attend three Holi parties. Needless to say, he had lots of fun, food and drinks. However, this led to his skin taking a toll after the fun weekend. This might have been the case for many others too this weekend, and like Qureshi, they might be taking to home remedies instead of salon visits to rejuvenate and nurse one's skin back to health.

He says the best part about Holi is the food and the play of colours. But all that fun can lead to skin irritation and lose its moisture. "I like to keep it simple with a tablespoon of orange peel powder, one spoon of curd and a few drops of lemon juice. It removes tan, dead skin and is the best gentle exfoliator. These ingredients are readily available in any Indian kitchen and easy to make. You just need to mash and mix it to get a thick paste-like consistency," says Qureshi, adding that it works on any skin type and is completely natural. Qureshi, a lifestyle blogger, feels men's skin also needs attention. "Men's skin goes through a lot, irrespective of the weather condition. Even if you go on a mini getaway and don't follow the usual skin routine, it will show," he says.

Adding to it, Shreedha Param, co- founder of The Ayurveda Co, says the holiday lifestyle also makes one's hair go through vigorous changes. "You can make a hair mask with honey, coconut oil, milk, curd and banana. This will surely help retain the softness of the hair," says Param.

Breaking it down, Chaitanya Kenchamanna Hoskote, founder of Maya Medi Spa, says alcohol and sugar-refined food leads to inflammation and puffiness. She explains, "That is why we crave for water after having alcohol. Drink sufficient water and boost it with hydration salts, if necessary."

She further suggests using a hydrating essence or serum to restore moisture levels. "Restore your skin's radiance by incorporating an antioxidant into your routine. Using a Vitamin C serum will help to keep your complexion bright and healthy. Apply a moisturising cream to your entire body every day to help hydrate the skin and maintain a healthy skin barrier," says Hoskote, adding applying to damp skin after a shower gives the best results.

Naved Qureshi

**FOOD FOR THE SKIN**

- **Honey and lemon face mask:** for instant brightening
- **Potato and tomato juice/ papaya mask on skin:** for instant glow
- **Ubtan:** provides glow and brightening effect on the skin
- **Multani Mitti face pack:** closes the pores
- **Rubbing ice on the skin:** tightens the skin
- **Curd with chickpea flour:** lightens blemishes and black spots on the skin

**PAIRED WITH PANACHE**

Anuja Pandey

*(The author is social media influencer @loftyspectrums and lifestyle coach)*

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# AN ODE TO WOMEN

THE theme for this International Women's Day was Breaking The Bias. Growing up in the '90s in Delhi was like waking up from the childhood slumber to the buzzing India — there was cable TV and many news channels.

I remember following Barkha Dutt who was a revolutionary anchor and *We The People* was a talk show that not only shaped journalism but also impressed strongly upon many teens and young adults of that generation. We grew up in a progressive India, an inclusive, egalitarian society that was just marching ahead with enthusiasm of a growing kid who has a whole spectrum of sky to float, soak, discover and evolve. India and its people were looking ahead with optimism and rejoicing over the journey that they had made in little time after independence.

I have heard from my grandmother how in the olden days, women used to grind the grains in 'chakki' almost everyday manually. While these brave women gave us the red carpet to walk on, Indians journeyed from taking papads for their family to becoming strong women of today who are contributing their bit to not just their home but to society as well.

And here we are today, when girls are facing difficulties to go to educational institution for wearing hijab. Did we break the bias, did we make it to where we could have been, did we not struggle enough — we, the people of India, not just men or women but people as a whole, do, we the people of India, deserve this?

Our exclusive society celebrates successful women or rather they themselves do so by employing the various PR firms to support them but do they bother about those who are yet struggling for basic human rights. In recent Netflix series *The Fame Game*, Madhuri Dixit rings in the head of many when she says for the newcomers in the industry today there's a PR managing their image and more while there is no talent. Where are the Gangubais in society who fight for a real cause, not caring about themselves but about progress of women and specially the prostitutes. Why do they have no rights of wellness and health, right to minimum payments, safety and security, and education. Would not legalising help? It could save the sex workers from exploitation and harassment.

Watching the movie *Gangubai*, that too in a movie theatre after long time, was exhilarating. The little nuances in cinematography, the old busy lanes that are always abuzz, the so typically old kothis that are synonymous to Indian culture and the sound of music. I realised how well timed this movie was, and how subtly yet powerfully the message of rights of a select section of women has been whispered and delivered. How femininity lies in strength, how women stand up and stick to each other, how women show solidarity for each other.

Is your women tribe strong? This year, if we are really able to break the biases, then we might want to be there for each other as women.

Many emancipated men and women are heard asking what is the need of celebrating Women's Day. I believe it's not for those ones who are already there, it's for those who are still struggling to be heard, those who are waiting for a chance to good life.

**CITY READ**

**Children's clinic inaugurated at hospital**

PRIDE Clinic (Paediatric Rehabilitation Intervention and Development Clinic) was inaugurated at Ramaiah Memorial Hospital by actor Malavika Avinash, along with Dr KC Gurudv, president, Ramaiah Memorial Hospital recently. The clinic aims to empower children and ensure a comprehensive care for children with neurodevelopmental and behavioural disorders with a team of multidisciplinary professionals from diverse backgrounds.

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**Place : Bangalore**
**Date : 18.03.2022**

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I, **HARISH M**, S/o. Muniraj Reddy, Aged about 32 years, Residing at Lakshmi Nilaya, Door No. 7, 1st Cross, Nanjamma Layout, Manorayanapalya, R.T. Nagar Post, Bengaluru - 560 032, hereby declare that I have changed my name from **Harish M** to **Daamodar M V** vide affidavit dated 19.03.2022 sworn to before S. Venkatasubba Reddy, Advocate & Notary Public, Bengaluru.

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I, **BALLEY KASIRAM SIVAJI,** S/o Late B.S. Kasiram, aged 68 years, R/at No.126, 16th Cross, 8 'A' Main, J.P. Nagara IV Phase, Bengaluru-560078, hereby declare and changed my name to **"BARADE KASIRAM SIVAJI"** in short **"B.K. SIVAJI"** and **SIVAJI KASIRAM BARADE"** and also **"BARADE SIVAJI KASIRAM"** vide affidavit dated 19.03.2022, sworn to before **P.N. Nagesha,** Advocate & Notary, at Bangalore.

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I, **REPATI NASKAR,** D/o Mr. Anial Naskar, age 34 years, R/at No. 10, 4th Main, 8th B Cross, Near Ganesh Temple, New Thippasandra, Bengaluru-560075 do hereby declare that I have changed my son's name from **RAJDEEP BHATTACHARYA** to **RAJDEEP NASKAR,** henceforth he shall be known and called as **RAJDEEP NASKAR** only for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 18th March 2022, sworn before Advocate and Notary **S. SAMUEL SOLOMON** at Bangalore.

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I, **SAMANTHA KRISTEN GODFREY,** W/o DILLYN JOSHUA D'CRUZ, Residing at # 249, 3rd C Main, OMBR Layout, Chikka Banaswadi, Bengaluru have changed my name to **SAMANTHA KRISTEN D'CRUZ,** vide affidavit dated: 19/03/2022, before Notary **S. RAMESH** at Bengaluru

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I, **BATUL HAIDER SALEH** W/o **Hozefa Naseem,** R/at No. 24, 3rd Floor 19th Cross, Near Mohammedi Masjid 5th Phase J P Nagar, Bangalore- 560078 have changed my name to **BATUL HOZEFA NASEEM** vide affidavit dated: 8/3/2022 Before Notary **Prakasha. C** Bangalore.

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I, **DEVARAM** R/at Konadasapura Village, Virgonagar Post, Bangalore- 560049 have changed my Minor Son's Name From **D.LALITH** To **D.LALITH SEERVI** Vide affidavit dated:19/3/2022 Before Notary **B.Chitra** Bangalore.

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I, **Neelu Rao**, W/o. Sumanth Rao G.S., Aged about 31 years, Residing at 12/1, 3rd Floor, 5th Cross, 3rd Main Road, SVG Nagar, Vijayanagar, Bengaluru - 560 072, hereby declare that I have changed my name from **Neelufar N** to **Neelu Rao** vide affidavit dated 19.03.2022 sworn to before Prakasha C., Advocate & Notary, Bengaluru.

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I , **BHIMANAGOUDA BASANAGOUDA BIRADAR,** S/o Basanagouda Biradar, R/at No. A-401, VBHC Serene Town, Near Adarsh Serenity, Kannamangala, Bengaluru South, Bengaluru, Karnataka-560067, do hereby declare that both the names i.e., **BHIMANAGOUDA BIRADAR** and **BHIMANAGOUDA BASANAGOUDA BIRADAR** are one and the same and belongs to me only, vide affidavit dated 18-03-2022, sworn before Advocate and Notary **C. SASIKALA** at Bangalore.

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I, **JATENDER JIT SINGH,** S/o Sardar Prithipal Singh, age74 years, residing at No. C-503, Ajmera Infinity, Neeladri Road, Electronic City, Phase-1, Bengaluru-560100, Karnataka do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **JITENDERJIT SINGH ALHUWALIA** to **JATENDER JIT SINGH,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **JATENDER JIT SINGH** only for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 19th March 2022, sworn before Advocate and Notary **D. GUNA SHEKAR** at Bangalore.

**CHANGE OF NAME**
**I, SRIKANTHA G.S @** SRIKANTHA GUNTHURGADDA SRIRAMAREDDY, aged about 21 years S/o Srirama reddy, #59, Gunthrugadde, Yagavakote, Chintamani, Chikkaballapur - 563146, Karnataka, shall henceforth be known as **SRIKANTH G.S,** vide affidavit dated 19.03.2022 before Notary K.V Mani, Bangalore.

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I, **CHARUKEERTHI BHAVIKATTI** S/o. Neelakanteswaraswamy Bhavikatti, residing at No.519, Chhabria Coronation, G002, Idealhomes Township, Rajarajeswarinagar, 27th Cross, Opp Rajeswari Palace, Bangalore-560098, Karnataka, India, have changed my name from **CHARUKEERTHI BHAVIKATTI** to **CHARUKEERTHI N BHAVIKATTI,** vide affidavit dated: 19/03/2022 sworn before notary H.G PADMANABHA RAO, Bangalore.

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I, **VASUNDARA BABU** R/at No.151C, 2nd Floor, 1st A Cross, ITI Layout, Vijinapura, Dooravani Nagar, Bangalore- 560016 have changed my Minor Son's Name From **A.PARTHA SARADHI NAIDU** To **VIVAN SRUJAN ATTHULURI** vide affidavit dated: 19/3/2022 Before Notary **B.Chitra** Bangalore.

**CHANGE OF NAME**
We, **ARUN KUMAR .R,** S/o Ramachandrappa, aged about 31 years, and **RADHA P.R,** W/o Sri. Arun Kumar .R, aged 26 years, both are R/at No.580, Kempegowdanagara Post, Bangalore North, Bengaluru-560097, we have changed our son's name from **"DEEPANSHU .A" TO "CHARAN TEJ .A"** vide affidavit dated 19.03.2022 sworn to before Notary **Chandrashekaraiah,** at Bangalore.

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I, **SANJEEV PRAKASH,** S/o S.K. Kotian, age 35 years, residing at No. 218, Keerthi riviera Annexe, Orchid Block, 6th G Cross, Kaggadaspura Main Road, C.V. Raman Nagar, Benglauru-93 do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **PRAKASH SANJEEV** to **SANJEEV PRAKASH,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **SANJEEV PRAKASH** only for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 19th March 2022, sworn before Advocate and Notary **L. GOPALAKRISHNA** at Bangalore.

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I, **SOHAIL AHMED,** S/o Imtiaz Aga, aged about 20 years, R/at # 1235, 3rd Floor, 3rd Cross, New Thippasandra, Bengaluru-560075, Karnataka do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **SUHAIL AHMED** to **SOHAIL AHMED,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **SOHAIL AHMED** only for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 19th March 2022, sworn before Advocate and Notary **D. GUNA SHEKAR** at Bangalore.

**CHANGE OF NAME**
**I, (OLD NAME) KARUNA** W/o NO. 14647017M, NK Sharma Vijya Badrilal, Residing at Mu Post Gondur, Dhule, Maharashtra-474002 have changed my name from **(Old Name) Karuna** to **(NEW NAME) KARUNA VIJAY SHARMA** and my **DOB is 06.12.1987** vide affidavit dated 16.03.2022 sworn before Notary Sivakumara. M.N., Bangalore.

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I, **DEVARAM** R/at Konadasapura Village, Virgonagar Post, Bangalore- 560049 have changed my Minor Son's Name From **D.YASHDEEP SINDRA** To **D.YASHDEEP SEERVI** Vide affidavit dated:19/3/2022 Before Notary **B.Chitra** Bangalore.

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I, **KALASSH SHHYAM KALRA,** W/o Mr. Shhyam Arjun Kallra, aged about 33 years, R/at House No.B101, Devagiri Divine Apartment, Building No.3, 30th Main Road, BSK 3rd Stage, Bangalore-560085. I Have changed my name from **"KALASH SHYAM KALRA" TO "KALASSH SHHYAM KALRA"** vide affidavit dated 19.03.2022 sworn to before Notary **NEHA BADDI,** at Bangalore.

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I, **REKHA DURGANI**, residing at No. 22, 2nd Floor, Durgani Nivas, Middle School Road, V.V. Puram, Bangalore-560 004, Karnataka do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **REKHA DEVI** to **REKHA DURGANI**, henceforth I shall be known and called as **REKHA DURGANI** only for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 19th March 2022, sworn before Advocate and Notary **R. BASAVARAJA** at Bangalore.

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I, **VELAN .S,** S/o Shekar S, age 25 years, R/o No. 17, 2nd Main Road, Mariyamma Temple, Karamchand Layout, Lingarajapuram, Near Amuth Theatre, St. Thomas Town Post, Benglauru-560 084, Karnataka do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **AZHAGUVEL .S** to **VELAN .S,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **VELAN .S** only for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 19th March 2022, sworn before Advocate and Notary **D. GUNA SHEKAR** at Bangalore.

**CHANGE OF NAME**
**I, (OLD NAME) KAVITA,** SPOUSE OF JC 414401N SUB Virender Kumar, Residing at No. 6, 2nd Corss, 1st Main Road, Muninanjappa Garden, Kaval Byrasandra, R.T Nagar Post, Bangalore - 560 032 have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) KAVITA** to **(NEW NAME) KAVITA DEVI** and my correct **DOB** is **10.10.1980** vide affidavit dated 14.03.2022 sworn before Notary Sivakumara M.N., Bangalore.

**A GRAND PRE-RELEASE EVENT OF *RRR* WAS HELD AT CHIKKABALLAPUR ON SATURDAY AMONGST MUCH FANFARE**

# *RRR* TO HAVE 2,000 SHOWS IN KARNATAKA

A SHARADHAA

PUNEETH Rajkumar is amongst us, and the few drops of rain that we witnessed at this event was just a sign of his blessings," said Junior NTR at this grand pre-release event of magnum opus *RRR* held at Chikkallabalapur on Saturday. Before the event, NTR, Ram Charan, and director SS Rajamouli, Venkat Konanki, the distributor of *RRR* in Karnataka, had a few words to talk about the film and Power Star. " Let's celebrate Puneeth, and he will remain in our hearts forever," added NTR. The actor also mentioned that he will be watching *James* right after he is done with *RRR* promotions and the film's release.

Ram Charan said that he has dubbed for all the four south Indian languages, and Kannada was his favourite. The grand event was attended by Karnataka Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai and Health Minister K Sudhakar. Shivarajkumar, another guest at the event, said, "The entire country, as well as the Government, is with us. I feel happy when both Ramcharan and NTR treat me as their elder brother. I see Appu in both of them as well as amongst his fans. He also requested the *RRR* distributors in Karnataka to have more releases of Kannada versions in the state. Shivanna added, "I'm a big fan of director SS Rajamouli's films, and wish the best for his upcoming film. I have watched all the films of NTR, Ram Charan, and even that of Pawan Kalyan, Chiranjeevi, Ajith, or Vijay among other actors. I prefer to watch the first-day first show in the theatres. I watch these films as a fan, and as an audience, and never like to hold a special show at home."

Rajamouli said that he wants to project *RRR* as an Indian film, and not limit it to one particular region. "I was born in Karnataka, raised in Andhra Pradesh, started my film career in Tamil Nadu, and now settled in Telangana. I don't belong to one place, and that's how my films will be," says Rajamouli, He added that *RRR* is purely fictional and not based on history. "I don't intend to give a message in my films, and *RRR* once will be a pure entertainer," he said.

Venkat Konanki, who is distributing *RRR* under KVN Productions, said, "I want to thank the fans for making the pre-release a grand success. I also thank Karnataka CM, the health minister, and Shivanna."

Talking about his release plans for *RRR*, he said, "We are looking at 450 screens for *RRR* including multiplexes and 2,000 plus shows in Karnataka. KVN Production is happy to present one of the biggest films, *RRR* in Karnataka on March 25. Priority will be given to the Kannada version given the fact that lead actors of *RRR* have dubbed themselves in Kannada as well. It ensures the emotions are intact."

Produced by D. V. V. Danayya, *RRR* has music by MM Keeravani and cinematography by Senthil Kumar. It also has Ajay Devgan, Alia Bhat, and Olivia Morries in important roles.

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**Venkat Konanki, producer, distributor**

SS Rajamouli, Shivarajkumar, Ram Charan and Junior NTR

# ADVIKA

## A NEW HEROINE IN THE BLOCK

CE FEATURES

ADVIKA, who has acted in plays, a web series, and a short film, is making her feature film debut with the film *Kirik Shankar*. The film, directed by Ananth Raju, has Loose Mada Yogi in the lead role. Under the guidance of director BM Giriraj, she took her plunge into acting with theatre plays. She later acted in a web series called *Rakhta Chandana*.

Talking to CE, she says, "I was always interested in performance art like dance which drew me to theatre. The adrenaline rush of being on stage was something that I never got from anywhere else. I realised the stage is where I belong and that is why I decided to become an actor."

*Kirik Shankar*'s audio was out recently, and the debutante is now looking forward to the film's release, which is likely to happen in April. Advika says that the film has everything that is expected of a commercial entertainer. "There is drama, action, a good story, comedy as well -- you will find everything in this film," she says. Kirik Shankar, produced by M N Kumar, has music scored by Veer Samarth and the film's cinematography is by JJ Krishna. Ahead of the film's release, Advika is looking forward to her debut music video, "My first single, titled *House Party* will be out on Thursday," she says.

Advika

The debutant, who has acted in plays, a web series, short film, talks about her first feature film *Kirik Shankar*

A still from the film

# DEEKSHITH SETTHY JOIN HANDS WITH SRINIDHI BENGALURU FOR *BLINK*

The actor is juggling between the shoot of his upcoming Telugu film *Dasara* and his next sci-fi flick in Kannada

CE FEATURES

DEEKSHITH Shetty is happy to be juggling between Kannada and Telugu film industries. From the sets of Nani's upcoming film *Dasara*, the actor shares details about his next Sandalwood project. Titled *Blink*, the sci-fi film is written and directed by Srinidhi Bengaluru. "We both began our journey together with theatre, and now, we both have joined hands for a feature film," says

Deeksith, who shared the film's first poster with *CE*, said. 'We are coming with a teaser sometime this week. I play the lead in *Blink*, who is working backstage for a theatre group, and a few incidents that take place in my life forms the subject of this sci-fi." Blink also features Vajradhan Jain, Suresh Anagalli, Chaithra J Achar, Mandara Battalahalli, and Gopal Krishna Deshpande among others. Avinaasha Shastry and Prasanna Kumar have handled the cinematography and music respectively.

Deekshith is currently shooting for actor Nani's upcoming venture *Dasara*. The actor also directed another Telugu film called *Meet Cute* made under Nani's production house, which is getting ready for release. On the Kannada front, Deekshit has *Sheegrameva Kalyana Prapthirasthu*, and *KTM* in different stages of production.

A still from the film

# Hollywood stuntman on board Samantha's *Yashodha*

CE FEATURES

WE had previously reported that Samantha will be headlining a pan-Indian film titled *Yashodha*. It has now been announced that Hollywood stuntman Yannick Ben is on board the project to choreograph stunt sequences. The news was announced by the makers on social media with a picture featuring Yannick and Samantha.

Yannick's credits include *The King, Ghost in the Shell* and *Dunkirk*. He has also worked on Indian projects like *Tiger Zinda Hai, Puli Murugan* and *Raees*. *Yashodha* is being helmed by director duo Hari–Harish, while Sivalenka Krishna Prasad is bankrolling through Sridevi Movies.

The film also features Varalaxmi Sarathkumar in a prominent role. The film will be released in Telugu, Tamil, Malayalam, Hindi & Kannada simultaneously.

In addition to *Yashodha*, Samantha has *Kaathu Vaakula Rendu Kaadhal* and *Shaakuntalam* coming up. It has also been announced that she will be making her Hollywood debut with *The Arrangements Of Love*.

# HUMA WRAPS UP SHOOTING OF *MAHARANI* SEASON 2

CE FEATURES

HUMA Qureshi, who was recently seen in a special dance number in Sanjay Leela Bhansali-Alia Bhatt's *Gangubai Kathiawadi*, has wrapped up shooting for the second season of her SonyLIV series, Maharani. The last schedule of the series, which was shot across regions in Bhopal and Hoshangabad, took place in Jammu & Kashmir.

"Jammu was a short schedule but played a crucial role in the storyline nevertheless... Season two will be bigger and better. And a lot of twists and turns," said Huma in a statement. The series features Huma as Rani Bharti, a village woman and wife of the ex-Chief Minister of Bihar, who is handpicked to take over the State after a scam hits the ruling party. Directed by Karan Sharma, the first season of the Subhash Kapoor-created series also featured Sohum Shah, Amit Sial, Kani Kusruti, Vineet Kumar, and Inaamulhaq.

# Adina and Clark Backo join *The Challenging*

CE FEATURES



ACTORS Adina Porter and Clark Backo have been roped in for the upcoming series *The Changeling*. The series will premiere on the Apple TV+ streaming platform.

The series will also star LaKeith Stanfield as Apollo Kagawa. Stainfield will also be an executive producer for the series. Porter will play Apollo's mother Lillian. She is famous for playing Lettie Mae Thornton in the HBO series True Blood. Backo will play Apollo's wife Emma, who is well-known for playing Rosie in Crave's Letterkenny.

The series is described as a "horror story, parenthood fable, and perilous odyssey." The Changeling will be based on the 2017 novel by Victor LaValle. Melina Matsoukas will direct the series. Her previous directing work includes 2019's *Queen & Slim*, Netflix's *Master of None*, and HBO's *Insecure*.

# VARUN, ATLEE TO COLLABORATE FOR *THERI* REMAKE?

CE FEATURES

Varun Dhawan and Atlee might collaborate soon for a remake of *Theri*.

According to ETimes, the duo is teaming up for a remake of a South film. A source told the publication that it is likely to be Atlee's own *Theri*. Released in 2016, *Theri* was an action thriller starring Vijay and Samantha Ruth Prabhu. It was 'partially' remade into a 2019 Assamese film, *Ratnakar: A New Myth of Love*.